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MAULANA AZAD EXPOSES SIKANDAR RAJ

Japanese Over-run Part Of Bali Island

CONTINUED AIR ATTACKS ON JAVA 'DROMES

No Change In Burma Situation: 5 Enemy Planes Destroyed

LONDON, Feb. 23.

There is no truth in the Japanese claim that they have taken Pegu, it is stated in authoritative quarters in London to-day. Fighting in the Burma area is stated to be heavy.

There is no confirmation in London either of the Japanese claim to have landed on the coast 35 miles from Rangoon.

In South-West Pacific

In Java the only Japanese attacks have been by air and they seem to be concentrating their attacks on aerodromes.

There is no further news from Timor and it is possible that communications have been cut. Whether the Australians are still there is not known but there has been no news of a withdrawal.

BURMA SITUATION UNCHANGED

RANGOON, Feb. 23.

It is reliably reported that military situation remains unchanged. Fighting continues in areas between the Bilin and Sittang rivers and our troops are inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

The R.A.F. Communique issued at noon stated that the R.A.F. have again been in action supporting the army in their gallant fight to stem the Japanese advance. In the course of air actions three enemy aircraft have already been destroyed and there has been no loss to any of our machines.

Five Japanese Planes Destroyed

CHUNGKING:— American Volunteer Pilots operating from Burma subjected Japanese troops on the Bilin River Front to heavy punishment on Saturday and shot down five Japanese planes without loss to themselves, according to reports reaching Chungking. Japanese casualties are stated to have been very heavy.

While American volunteers were machin-gunning concentrations of Japanese ground forces, Japanese fighter aircraft attempted to intervene. A series of dogfights ensued. In ten minutes the Americans sent five Japanese aircraft crashing without themselves suffering any loss.

TEN-MINUTE DOG-FIGHT

BOMBAY:— Here is the latest A. V. G. story from Kunming, by our observer on the fighting, says the Chungking radio.

Taking off from their base in Rangoon, a squadron of A. V. G. fighters flew over the Bilin river front at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and subjected Japanese concentrations there to a terrific strafing. Enemy casualties were reported to be very heavy. While machine-gunning the enemy ground forces, the A. V. G. fighters flew into a flight of Japanese pursuit planes. In a ten-minute dog-fight which ensued, the Americans sent five Japanese planes blazing to destruction. All A. V. G. planes returned safely to their base.

According to an A. V. G. spokesman in Kunming, the American Volunteer Pilots will remain in Rangoon and fight to the last man.

JAPANESE IN BALI ISLAND

BATAVIA, Feb. 23.

It is officially announced that the Japanese troops who succeeded in making a landing on Bali have overrun part of the Island and are in control of the aerodrome.

On the other hand strong allied naval and air offensive against the Japanese expeditionary fleet was so successful that not a single warship of transport has remained near Bali to give the Japanese troops support or supplies.

Details of the Japanese losses in this action are still not complete but, it is understood they have been considerable.

There is no desire here to prophecy whether Japanese troops on Bali can be cleaned up before they are reinforced or whether they would be able to hold on and convert the aerodrome into an effective spearhead from which to expand their field operations. Nor is there any desire to prophecy whether the blow which has just been dealt to Japanese expeditionary fleet will have more than temporary delaying effect on attack against Java. All that is said is that every effort is being made to take full advantage of the momentary awkward position in which the Japanese find themselves.

'CHINA DAY' ON MARCH 7

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

In order that the celebration of 'China Day' should not clash with the Holi festival, which falls on March 2, 1942, H. E. the Viceroy has postponed 'China Day' till Saturday, March 7, 1942, says a Press Communique.—A. P.

AIR ATTACKS ON JAVA

Japanese air activity continued over Java during the past twenty-four hours. Once again the Japanese concentrated on airfields. They appear to be making as great a bid as in the early stages of the Malayan campaign to establish unchallenged air supremacy.

Dutch Timor which was attacked by Japanese troops towards the end of last week continues strong resistance.

Little information is available regarding the situation in Portuguese Timor. It is known, however, that allied troops which recently took up position there are resisting the Japanese landing at Dilli. There is no retreat for the troops. So presumably they will resist to the last.

The Japanese domination of Timor would have a serious effect on the allied supply route between Australia and Java.

PALEMBANG BOMBED

A 'communique' issued to-day by the headquarters of the Netherlands East Indies forces says: "During the whole of Sunday Japanese aircraft were extremely active bombing and machine-gunning many aerodromes in Java. Aerodromes in the vicinity of Batavia, Buitenzorg, Djocjakarta, Saurabaya and Malang have been attacked. Some damage has been done. Three or four Japanese fighters were shot down. There were only few casualties.

An attack by our bombers on enemy targets near Palembang produced satisfactory results.

Towards the end of last week Japanese troops attacked Koepang in Dutch Timor. The enemy is meeting with strong resistance."

Hospital Ship Attacked

It is officially announced that the Netherlands hospital ship "Op Ten Noort" which is clearly marked with the internationally acknowledged sign has been attacked twice by a group of eight Japanese bombers. The ship has not been hit, but considerable damage was done to hospital installations by bombs exploding nearby. Two persons were killed, three seriously injured and ten slightly wounded.

ENEMY MERCHANTSHIP ON FIRE

Allied bombers set on fire a 10,000 ton Japanese merchantship in the Banka Strait and machine-gunned others.

Enemy Ships Attacked

A 'communique' issued by the Allies' Supreme Command in the South-West Pacific says: "Bomber aircraft of the South-West Pacific command again bombed Japanese occupied aerodromes at Den Pasar yesterday. A dive bombing attack was carried out in the Banka Straits. One Japanese merchantmen exceeding 10,000 tons was hit. The vessel was left

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DISASTER IN ARREST OF CONGRESS LEADERS

Sales Tax Agitation Used As Cloak For Wholesale Repression

LATHI CHARGE AGAIN: 17 REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

The Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, has issued the following statement on the arrests of certain Congress leaders in the Punjab:—

"I am surprised to read in today's morning papers that prominent Congressmen, including Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee and Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, leader of the Assembly Party, were arrested last night. These arrests have been made in connection with the Sales Tax agitation under the Defence of India Rules

I could not conceive of any distant justification for these arrests. I know perfectly well that these persons have nothing to do with Sales Tax agitation, except of course, as peace-makers, who would only try to ease the situation.

Only a few days ago I was in Lahore, and I had given definite instructions to Mian Iftikharuddin about this matter on the eve of my departure.

Under these circumstances what could be the cause of these arrests in such an offhand manner? Is it because the Punjab Government wants to adopt a wholesale repressive policy under cover of the Sales Tax agitation, and wants to remove those persons from the path, whom it fears would resent such a policy. If it is really so, I would only say that the Punjab Government is treading a dangerous path. It can only lead to disaster.

Congress Executive To Review Situation.

LAHORE, Feb. 23.

A special meeting of the Working Committee of the Punjab Congress Committee has been called on February 25 to consider the present situation in the province.

Lathi Charge Again

LAHORE:—About 80 traders, almost all of whom hail from Mofussil areas, marched in a procession in Lahore this afternoon in connection with the agitation against the Sales Tax.

The processionists were stopped by the police in Anarkali Street and forcibly dispersed after warnings had been given.

A number of persons sustained injuries. Seventeen of them have been admitted to the Moolchand Kharaiti Ram Hospital.

None of the Satyagrahis was arrested to-day.

Shannodevi Arrseted

Shrimati Shannodevi, a Congress member of the Punjab Assembly, was arrested this afternoon under Rule 129 of the Defence of India rules as soon as she emerged from the Assembly Chamber after attending the secret session.

This raises to seven the number of members of the Assembly arrested in connection with the General Sales Tax agitation.

Lahore Ban

The District Magistrate of Lahore has issued an order under Sec. 144, Cr. P.C., to-day prohibiting holding of public meetings of any kind within the municipal limits of Lahore for one week from to-day as such meetings, in his opinion, are likely to disturb public peace and tranquillity. The above order was served on Mr. Jagat Narain, President of the Lahore District Congress Committee which announced that a public meeting would be held this evening as a protest against the arrest of Mian Iftikhar-ud-Din, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee

Revised Ban On Papers

The District Magistrate of Lahore in a fresh order prohibited under Sec. 144 Cr. P.C. the publication in any newspaper or pamphlet within Lahore of news relating to Beoparis' 'hartal' or police action taken against processionists or persons otherwise assisting or taking part in the 'hartal' unless such reports or articles are previously approved by the Provincial Press Adviser.

This order remains in force for ten days and cancels yesterday's order issued by him in this connection.

Amritsar Follows Suit

AMRITSAR:—The District Magistrate of Amritsar has promulgated an order under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. banning publication of anything about the Sales Tax agitation or the action taken by the police in Lahore and in other places in connection therewith without obtaining his approval.

Undertrials Released

SARGODHA:— Twenty undertrial satyagrahis were released today from the local sub-jail under orders of the District Magistrate. According to an official version one of their undertakings is to open their shops.

Beoparies having commenced opening depots and supplying public demands, the District Magistrate has stopped further requisition of commodities under the Defence of India Rules.

PRESS CONDEMNS DIST. MAGISTRATE

LAHORE: Feb. 23.

The Provincial Press Advisory Committee at a special meeting this evening unanimously passed the following resolution :—

"This meeting of the Punjab Press Advisory Committee, having heard Mr. Bali's ("Tribune") account of the happenings near the G.P.O., Lahore, on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 22 which account has been endorsed in every particular by Mr. Virendra ("Pratap") and Mr. Hukam Chand ("Associated Press") considers that the action taken by the District Magistrate, Lahore, in abusing and arresting the above-mentioned newspapermen, who were present in their professional capacity, despite their informing him that they were present in that capacity, worthy of the most severe condemnation and insists that adequate reparation should be made and that the Government should take steps to see that no recurrence of such disgraceful incidents is possible."

The meeting further resolves that copies of the above resolution should be sent to the Premier, the Government of the Punjab, the Standing Committee of the Indian Editors' Conference and the Press.—A. P.

Echo In Legislature

LAHORE:—The Punjab Assembly held a secret session for the second time in its history to-day when by 74 against 37 votes the House accepted the proposal of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan that the Congress Party's adjournment motion regarding Lathi charge by the police yesterday should be discussed in a secret session.

After the question hour Sardar Kapoor Singh, on behalf of the Congress Party, asked the leave of the House to make a motion for the adjournment of business to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "the indiscriminate Lathi charge made on peaceful citizens, including ladies, on the Mall on February 22 on the occasion of the arrest of Beopari Satyagrahis".

As Government did not raise any objection the Speaker, Sir Shahbuddin, admitted the motion, but, on the motion of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, the House decided by 74 against 37 votes to discuss it in a secret session. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan said that he had some information which could only be placed before the House in a secret session. He also requested the members to keep it to themselves.

Mr. Desh Bandhu Gupta requested the Premier to consider the desirability of allotting a whole day for the discussion of the subject in a secret session.

The Premier expressed his inability to accept the suggestion, adding two hours were sufficient for the discussion of the motion.

SIKANDAR WANTS TIME

Earlier Pandit Bhagat Ram Sharma (Congress) asked the leave of the House to move the adjournment of the business to discuss the arrest of Lala Bhim Sen Sachar, Mian Iftikharuddin, Dewan Chaman Lal, Lala Devraj Sethi and Sardar Chanan Singh, Congress members of the Assembly.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan said that the motion might be put off till to-morrow to enable him to make full enquiries and place all facts before the House.

Sardar Santokh Singh (Independent) expressed apprehension that in the meantime more members might be arrested with a view to stiffling the opposition.

The Premier reported that if any member broke the law he was of course liable to be arrested. Sir Sikandar added that even if a sufficient number of members did not support the adjournment motion to-morrow, Government would raise no objection to its discussion.

Ultimately it was agreed that the motion would be taken up to-morrow.

ALLOWANCE TO M.L.As

Before the House went into the secret session, the Assembly passed the Punjab Legislative Assembly (salaries and allowances of members) bill, which seeks to fix for each member a compensatory allowance at the rate of Rs. 200 per mensem, provided he attends at least 90 per cent of the total number of meetings held in any year.

Students Demonstrate

Students of the most of the Lahore Colleges who came out of their classes as a protest against yesterday's lathi charge marched in a procession to Bradlaugh Hall where they held a meeting this afternoon. A resolution condemning yesterday's lathi charge by the police on the peaceful citizens, including ladies, was adopted at the meeting. When the meeting was proceeding and speeches were being made, the Superintendent of Police with other police officials arrived at the meeting and requested them to disperse. The students dispersed after adopting resolutions.

Bombay Punjabees' Protest

In a meeting of the Punjabee merchants, Arhtias and Brokers of Bombay it was resolved to keep their business suspended for four days with effect from 23rd February, 1942, as a protest against the lathi charge in Lahore.

STOP PRESS

7,000 NAZIS ANNIHILATED.

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.

On the south-western front fighting for a large populated centre is in progress, states a correspondent at the Front. He also reports that "In twenty days one Soviet unit annihilated four thousand Germans and another unit over three thousands.

Engagements along railway line towards point "P" are in progress. Our troops are advancing westwards. Rich booty was captured. Three thousand Germans were killed".—Reuter.

Not A Clean Up: Only Reshuffle

CHURCHILL MAKES CABINET CHANGES

Amery Stays: Greenwood's Exit: Ex-Indian Finance Member As War Minister

Following the recent reshuffle of the British War Cabinet, further changes in the Churchill Ministry are announced. Mr. Amery still continues at the India Office. The only outstanding feature in the new changes is the rise as Minister of War of Sir James Grigg. This is the first time that a Civil Servant has attained cabinet rank. A notable exit is that of Mr. Arthur Greenwood who was considered in Labour circles at one time as the prospective Labour Premier.

MEMBERS OF CABINET?

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The following is the latest list of Ministers of Cabinet rank outside the War Cabinet:

LORD CHANCELLOR: Viscount Simon.

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER: Sir Kingsley wood.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOME OFFICE AND MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY: Mr. Herbert Morrison.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BURMA Mr. L. S. Amery.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COLONIES AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS: Viscount Cranborne.

FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY: Mr. A. V. Alexander.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR: Sir James Grigg.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR: Sir Archibald Sinclair, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND: Mr. Thomas Johnston.

MINISTER OF SUPPLY: Sir Andrew Duncan, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE: Dr. Dalton.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: Mr. R. A. Butler,

MINISTER OF HEALTH: Mr. ERNEST BROWN.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: R. S. Hudson.

MINISTER OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS AND FIRST COMMISSIONER OF WORKS: Lord Portal.

MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION: Colonel J. J. Llewellin,

MINISTER OF WAR TRANSPORT: Lord Leathers.

MINISTER OF FOOD: Lord Woolton.

CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASHIRE: Mr. Duff Cooper.

MINISTER OF INFORMATION: Mr. Brendan Bracken.

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE: Viscount Wolmer.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL Mr. Morrison.

PAYMASTER-GENERAL Lord Hanky

The new War Minister, Sir James Grigg and the Minister, of Works and Building, Lord Portal, have been sworn in as members of the Privy Council.

Cabinet Re-Shuffle Again

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Five cabinet members, including the War Minister Captain Margesson, are eliminated in a further reshuffle of the British Government.

The following announcement was issued from Number 10, Downing Street, on Sunday night:

"The King has approved the following appointments:

The Secretary of State for Colonies, Viscount Cranborne.

The Secretary of State for War. Sir James Grigg.

The President of the Board of Trade Dr. Hugh Dalton.

The Minister of Works and Buildings and First Commissioner for Works, Lord Portal.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Col. J. J. Llewellin, and

The Minister for Economic Warfare, Viscount Wolmer."

A surprise among the appointments is Sir James Grigg, hitherto Permanent Secretary at the War Office, who becomes the War Minister, succeeding Captain Margesson—for the first time a civil servant becoming Minister while holding the post of a Government official.

Prominent figures who do not appear in the new list, and who are now out of office, are Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, who was in charge of post-war reconstruction: Lord Reith, Minister of Works and Buildings and Planning: Lord Moyne, Colonel Secretary: Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War: and Lt.-Col. Moore Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production.

NEW ARCHBISHOPS.

The King has nominated the Archbishop of York, Dr. William Temple, to be the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishop of Winchester, Dr Cyril Forster Garbett, to be the Archbishop of York, it is officially announced on Sunday night.

LOBBY REACTION

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Last week's Cabinet changes have assured Mr. Churchill of a good reception when next he meets the Commons, Reuter's Lobby Correspondent learns.

Following the further appointments announced last night it will be surprising if he is not warmly cheered when he enters the House.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood and Capt. Margesson, in the Labour and Conservative Parties respectively have been organising and driving forces whose services have been recognised by high office.

It is to be expected, therefore, that the political parties will not be unanimous in their support of these changes though differences of opinion are unlikely to extend outside domestic changes.

NEW CHURCHILL TEAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

Mr. Churchill's Cabinet clean-up gets the main headlines in this morning's papers taking precedence over all war news, says Reuter's correspondent. The general feeling is that Mr. Churchill now has a far better team than we had a week ago and there is relief that the changes are well received in Britain.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL'S WAR STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Mr. Churchill's speech at the next sitting of the House of Commons will be made in public, it was announced to-night. It will not, therefore, be necessary to ask the House to go into secret session on that day.—Reuter.

U. S. Concerned About Fr. Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

Concern is freely expressed in official circles here regarding the recent movements of Vichy French fleet, particularly the battleship 'Dunkerque's' arrival at Toulon from Algiers. The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles stated at a Press Conference on Monday that the United States Government is following the situation regarding the French Fleet with the closest attention in order to be sure that the French Government maintains full control over its vessels.

MARATHI EDITION OF "HARIJAN"

NAGPUR, Feb. 23.

A Marathi edition of Mahatma Gandhi's "Harijan" will be published from March 1 from Wardha under the joint editorship of Mr. Dada Dharmadhikari and Mr. Gopalrao Kale.—A. P.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held on THURSDAY, 12th March, 1942, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Registered Office of the Bank, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1941.
(2) To declare a dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in place of the three Directors retiring by rotation. They are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.
(5) To transact any other business that may be brought forward by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board,
B. M. BHARGAVA,
Secretary.

Bombay, 24th February, 1942.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

BOOKING OF PARCELS FROM BOMBAY.

OWING to the earlier departure the booking of parcels to be despatched by 1 Down Gujerat Mail, 5 Down Kathiawar Mail and 7 Down Ahmedabad Passenger will be stopped at 3-00 p.m. at all offices on and from WEDNESDAY, 25th February. Parcels for despatch by Frontier Mail will continue to be booked upto 5-00 p.m.

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ARRANGEMENTS FROM BOMBAY.

THE TRAIN SERVICES from Bombay Central and booking arrangements for third class passengers in Bombay will be altered on and from WEDNESDAY, 25th February, as follows:—

15 Dn. Kathiawar Express will leave at 8-0 a. m.
9 Dn. Baroda Passenger will leave at 8-40 a. m.
11 Dn. Ahmedabad Passenger will be cancelled.
1 Dn. Gujarat Mail will leave at 6-0 p. m.
5 Dn. Kathiawar Mail will leave at 6-45 p. m.
3 Dn. Frontier Mail will leave at 8-0 p. m. (as at present)
7 Dn. Ahmedabad Passenger will leave at 8-15 p. m.

Third class passengers to stations upto Baroda will be booked only by 9 Dn. Baroda Passenger and 7 Dn. Ahmedabad Passenger.

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All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 41, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as walved.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Foras land together with messuages or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Khetwadi 12th Cross Lane, Grant Road, without the Fort in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1271 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Office of the Collector of Land Revenue bearing Collector's New Nos. 13584 and 13467, New Survey Number part of 7378, Cadastral Survey No. 1022 of Girgaum Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward 8(D), Nos. 2031 (1), 2031(2), 2032(1) and 2032(2), Old Street No. 9-10, New Street Nos. 8-8A, 8-8B, 8-8A and 8-8C Khetwadi 12th Cross Lane and bounded as follows: on or towards the North formerly by property of Dattatriya Govinda Gokhale and now of Kulsumbai, daughter of Hasanali Abdulali, on or towards the South by XII Cross Lane on or towards the East formerly by property of Rahimtullabhai Laduk now of Ebrahim Cassum and on or towards the West by property of Erachshaw Dinshaw Cooper now of Bai Aimai Erachshaw Cooper and others and of Phirozshah Dinshaw Cooper.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1942.

VRAJLAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(7464)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my client has by an agreement with the late Mr. IGNATIUS D'MONTE of Bandra contracted to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder written. All persons having any interest or claim of whatsoever nature or kind in to or upon the said property or any part thereof either by way of mortgage, lien, gift, sale, use, trust, lease, inheritance or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned Advocate for the purchaser at his Office at Hill Road, Bandra, within 14 days from the date hereof. In default the sale will be completed on the expiry of the said period and all interests and claims, if any, in, to or upon the said property, of which no notice shall have been so received will be considered as relinquished and waived.

THE SCHEDULE

ALL that piece or parcel of oart land, situate at Juhu, South Salsette Taluka, Bombay Suburban District, Registration Sub-District Bandra, Registration District Bombay Suburban, bearing Final Plot No. 11 of the Santa Cruz Town Planning Scheme No. II admeasuring 2961 square yards or thereabouts and bounded, on or towards the North partly by Final Plot No. 8 of the said Scheme belonging to Dorabji P. Seerwai and partly by Plot No. 4 of the said Scheme belonging to the late Khan Bahadur S. Meherbaksh, on or towards the South by Final Plot No. 45 of the said Scheme belonging to J. D. Rodrigues and brothers, on or towards the East by the Public Road and on or towards the West by the Public Road.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1942.

J. R. ATHAIDE,
Advocate for the Purchaser.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs PREMCHAND CHANDRABHAN, CHUNILAL CHANDRABHAN, ASALDAS CHANDRABHAN, PATANCHAND [illegible] and SURAJMAL SHOBHMAL have contracted to sell the immovable properties more particularly described in the First and Second Schedules respectively hereunder written to our client.

All persons having any claim right, title or interest in to or against or to the said properties or any of them or any part thereof respectively by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Sooiya Mahal, 5, Military Square Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, admeasuring 803 square yards being Final Plot No. 75 of Town Planning Scheme No. II Ghatkopar and bounded as follows, on the east by Plot No. 74 of the said Scheme, on the west by forty feet Seventh Road, on the North by forty feet Road and on the south by Plot No. 76 of the said scheme and described in the Second Schedule hereunder written.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that piece or parcel of land or ground hereditaments and premises admeasuring 816 square yards being Final Plot No. 76 of Town Planning Scheme No. II Ghatkopar and bounded as follows, on the east partly by Plot No. 74 of the said Scheme and partly by Plot No. 78 of the said Scheme, on the West by forty feet Seventh Road, on the North by Plot No. 75 of the said Scheme described in the first Schedule hereinabove written and on the South by Plot No. 77 of the said Scheme.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1942.

BHAT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys
(7474)

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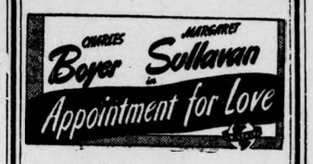

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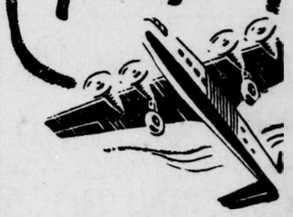
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In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 4, 5 and 6-A of Government Order, H.D. (Poll) A. R. P. No. S.D.|A. R. P. 1063, dated the 2nd February, 1942, the Air Raid Precautions Controller, Bombay, is pleased to authorise all Ward Engineers, Inspectors, Sub-Overseers, Mistries and Mukadams of the Municipal City Engineer's Department, to perform the functions specified in the aforesaid Sections.

No. 2703|DS. of 1942

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of Government Order, H. D. (Poll), A. R. P. No. S.D|A. R. P. 1063 dated the 2nd February, 1942, the Air Raid Precautions Controller, Bombay, is pleased to call upon the occupiers of buildings and premises situated in the areas described in the Schedule attached to this Order to take delivery of sandbags on the dates specified in the Schedule in respect of each such area.

D. SYMINGTON,
A. R. P. Controller,
A. R. P. Office,
Council Hall,
Bombay, 14th Feb. 1942.

SECOND SCHEDULE:

Statement showing the programme of distribution of sandbags to buildings in the different Wards of the City for eight days.

COMMENCING FROM 5th MARCH, 1942

DATE	TIME	AREA BOUNDED ON	A WARD AREA	B & C WARDS AREA	D WARD AREA	E WARD AREA	F WARD AREA	G WARD AREA
5th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	Fort Street	Cavel Street	Girgaum Rd. (Kennedy Bridge)	Kalachowki Rd.	To the Municipal acquired buildings in Scheme Nos. 57, 5, & 6, City Improvement Trust	....
		South	Churchgate Street	Dhobitalo Junction	Hughes Road	....		....
		East	Parsi Bazar & Bora Bazar Street	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Sandhurst Bridge	Chinchpokli Rd.		....
		West	Hornby Road	Girgaum Road (part)	Harvey Road	Parel Road		....
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	Fort Street	Dadyseth Agiary Street	Grant Road, Frere Bridge upto Nana's Chowk	Kalachowki Rd.		....
		South	Elphinstone Circle	Cavel Street	Sandhurst Road	Parel Rd. Cross Lane		....
		East	Frere Rd. & Mint Rd.	Kalbadevi Rd. (part)	Lamington Rd.	Parel Road		....
		West	Parsi Bazar & Bora Bazar Street	Girgaum Road (part)	Girgaum Rd. (Kennedy Bridge)	G. I. P. Ry. Lines		....
6th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	Mayo Road	Thakurdwar Rd. (part)	Bellasis Bridge	Souter Street	....	....
		South	Ormiston Street	Dadyseth Agiary Rd. (part)	Grant Road (Frere Bridge)	Sankli Street	....	....
		East	Cooperage Road	Fanaswady (part)	Lamington Rd.	Haines Road	....	....
		West	Colaba Causeway	Girgaum Rd. (part)	B. B. & C. I. Ry. Lines	Morland Rd.	....	....
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	Elphinstone Circle	Thakurdwar Rd. (part) & Bhuleshwar Rd.	Clerk Road	Tankpakhady Road		
		South	Custom House Rd.	Dadyseth Agiary Rd. (part)	Bellasis Bridge upto Tardeo Chowk	Souter Street		
		East	Apollo Street	Kalbadevi Rd. (part)	B. B. & C. I. Ry. Lines	Haines Road		
		West	Custom House Rd.	Fanaswady (part)	Tardeo Road	Morland Road		
		North	Bandstand & 120 Rd.	....	....	....		
		South	Wodehouse Road	....	....	....		
		East	Cooperage Rd.	....	....	....		
		West	Foreshore Road	....	....	....		
7th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	Ormiston Street	Vithalwady & Mirza St.	Warden Road	Clerk Road		
		South	Kittridge Road	Old Hanuman Lane & Princess Street (part)	Gowalia Tank Road	Tankpakhady Road		
		East	Colaba Road & Colaba Causeway	Abdul Rehman Street (part)	Tardeo Rd. upto Forjett Street Junction & Forjett Street	Delisle Road		
		West	Wodehouse Road & Cuffe Parade	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Pedder Road	Ripon Road & Jacob Circle		
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	Kittridge Road	Old Hanuman Lane & Princess Street (part)	Hornby Vellard Junction	....		
		South	Military Prohibited Area	Carnac Road (part)	Gowalia Tank Road	Clerk Road		
		East	Colaba Causeway	Abdul Rehman Street (part)	Pedder Road	Delisle Road		
		West	Cuffe Parade & Cuffe Parade Extension	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Warden Road (seashore)	Arthur Rd. & Jacob Circle		
8th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	Ormiston Road	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Bellasis Bridge	Clerk Road (B. B. & C. I. Ry.) & Jacob Circle		
		South	Thomas Street	Mirza Street	Gowalia Tank Rd. & Frere Bridge	Souter Street		
		East	Strand Road & Harbour	Abdul Rehman Street (part)	B. B. & C. I. Ry. Lines	Ripon Rd. & Morland Rd.		
		West	Colaba Causeway	Shaik Memon Street (part)	Forjett St. & Tardeo Rd.	B. B. & C. I. Ry. Lines		
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	Thomas Street	Bhuleshwar Fire Brigade	Gowalia Tank Road	Souter Street		
		South	Military Prohibited Area	Vithalwady	Hughes Road	Bellasis Road		
		East	Sassoon Dock & Harbour	Shaik Memon Street (part)	Harvey Road	Morland Road		
		West	Colaba Road	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Hughes Rd. Junction Pedder Rd.	B. B. & C. I. Ry. Lines		
9th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	....	Panjrapole Rd. (part)	Hughes Road	Sankli Street		
		South	....	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Siri Road	....		
		East	....	Kika Street (part)	Babulnath Road	Clare Road		
		West	....	Bhuleshwar Road (part)	Ridge Road & Gibbs Road	Ripon Road		
	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	....	Ardeshir Dady Street (part)	Siri Road	Sankli Street		
		South	....	Panjrapole Road	Three Lamps Junction, Walkeshwar Road	Bellasis Road		
		East	....	Falkland Rd. (part) and Kika Street	Walkeshwar Road	Ripon Road		
		West	....	Vithalbhai Patel Road (C Ward portion)	Ridge Road	Morland Road		
10th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	....	Panjrapole Road (part)	Gowalia Tank Road	Bellasis Road		
		South	....	Kalbadevi Road (part)	Napean Road	Grant Road		
		East	....	Ibrahim Rahimtulla Rd. (part)	Gibbs Road & Ridge Road	Manaji Rajoji Rd., Foras Rd. & Trimbak Parashram Street		
		West	....	Kika Street (part)	Napean Sea Road	Sukhlaji Street		
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	....	Sandhurst Rd. (C Ward Portion)	Napean Road	Bellasis Road		
		South	....	Panjrapole Road (part)	Harkness Road	Grant Road		
		East	....	Ibrahim Rahimtulla Road	Ridge Road	Shankarrao Pupala Rd. & Northbrook Street		
		West	....	Portion of Kika Street & Falkland Road	Napean Sea Road	Manaji Rajoji Rd., Foras Rd. & Trimbak Parashram Street		
11th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	....	Grant Road (part)	Harkness Rd. & Narayen Dabholker Cross Lane	Bellasis Road		
		South	....	Sandhurst Road (part)	Government House	Kamatipura 5th Lane		
		East	....	Northbrook Road	Walkeshwar Road	Duncan Road		
		West	....	Trimbak Parashram Street (C Ward Portion)	Seashore Banganga	Shankarrao Pupala Road		
1942	Between 1 P. M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	....	Grant Road (part)	Warden Rd. Junc. Nepean Sea Rd.	Kamtipura 5th Lane		
		South	....	Sandhurst Road (part)	Harkness & Narayen Dabholker Cross Lane	Grant Road		
		East	....	Duncan Road (part)	Napean Sea Road	Duncan Road		
		West	....	Northbrook Street	Napean Sea Rd. (foreshore)	Northbrook Street & Shankerrao Pupala Rd.		
12th March, 1942	Between 8 A.M. & 12 noon (S. T.)	North	....	Grant Road (part)	Walkeshwar Rd. Junction Chaupaty Sea Face Rd.	Dimtimker Road		
		South	....	Sandhurst Road (part)	Government House	Grant Road		
		East	....	Doctor Street	Back Bay Seashore	Victoria Garden Road		
		West	....	Duncan Road (part)	Walkeshwar Road	Duncan Road		
1942	Between 1 P.M. & 5 P.M. (S. T.)	North	....	Grant Road (part)	....	....	....	....
		South	....	Sandhurst Road (part)	....	Dimtimker Road		
		East	....	Ibrahim Rahimtulla Rd. (part)	....	Victoria Garden Road		
		West	....	Doctor Street	....	Clare Road		

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HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY

A year ago the Red Army celebrated its twenty-third anniversary in the midst of friendship and peace with Germany but also of preparations for possible contingencies against her. Now everything is changed. Before the Red Army was much older than 23 years the friend become the bitterest and most dangerous foe and between June and November 1941 he had overrun virtually the whole of industrial and agricultural European Russia as well as the Crimea and was knocking at the doors of the Caucasus in the south, of Leningrad in the North and even of Moscow itself. In the process he inflicted grievous losses in personnel, equipment and resources upon the Red Army. No other army could have absorbed those powerful and battering blows without going down for the full count. The Red Army did. What is more it brought off a veritable miracle by staging, within a few weeks, a come back actually as a striking force. It assumed the offensive and started driving the enemy back along the entire front. Herr Hitler has failed to stop that drive which continues to make progress albeit slowly.

Epoch-Making Success

It is, therefore, against a background of success that the magnificent Red Army of Russia is celebrating its twenty-fourth anniversary amidst the applause of a whole world. This applause is richly deserved. In its moral and psychological aspect the success of the Red Army is epoch-making and must have tremendous repercussions on the future. For, it has blasted once and for all the myth of the invincibility of the Nazi war machine. German hordes, never accustomed even to enforced halts, are to-day tasting the bitterness of defeat. The spectacle raises the morale of anti-Axis forces as nothing else has done so far, with the possible exception of the aerial Battle of Britain in the autumn of 1940. The material aspect of the success is equally important but it has to go further before it can claim to have won decisively significant results. The Russians have made wonderful progress but that progress still remains short of vital achievements against the projected Nazi offensive in the spring. Hopes had been entertained in recent days that the Russians were saving up important victories to be announced in a special form on the Anniversary of the Red Army. These hopes have not been realised as is clear from M. Stalin's Order of the Day. There is, however, still enough time for Russian forces to carry out the duty set to them by him and we are confident that, before the winter is out, Leningrad will have been relieved and the German driven beyond Smolensk and the Dnieper as also out of the Crimea. But M. Stalin is a realist who never allows himself to be afflicted by complacency. He anticipates the Nazi plans and is preparing for them. Hence the most important part of his Order of the Day, so far as the military situation is concerned, is the call for redoubled efforts on the part of the whole people of Russia. The Russians have never failed to respond to their great leader and we have no doubt that the workers will strain every nerve to give the tools and the Red Army will finish the job.

Significant Hint

Incidentally, there is a passage in M. Stalin's message which is highly significant. "Germany", he says, "has Allies fighting for her. So far we are not in that position, but we have succeeded in holding our own". This is something clearer than a hint and with an unmistakable sting. It is a barbed supplement to his call to the British made some months ago to establish a second front in Europe. Whether the British could not or just did not do so, they, unfortunately, failed to assist Russia in any appreciable measure through Libya, too. The British, however, can plead that now at any rate they have to fight a big front in the Far East which, inspite of nominal Russo-Japanese neutrality, does constitute some relief to Russia from a grave potential threat in Siberia. The tragedy, however, is that in the Far East, too, the British have been caught unprepared and American participation, on any significant scale, has yet to evolve from blue-print into practice.

Non-Party Conference

The resolutions of the Non-Party Conference held at Delhi during the week-end are materially different from those of the last conferences at Bombay and Poona or those of the recent sessions of the Liberal Federation. They approximate the proposals made in the appeal to Mr. Churchill by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and several other leaders, mostly Liberals. The Poona session of the Conference reiterated the Bombay demand for a Declaration that within a brief and specified time after the conclusion of the war India should enjoy the same measure of freedom as will be enjoyed by Britain and the Dominions. The appeal to Mr. Churchill omitted this demand and in its place put a mere question: "Is it not possible for you to declare at this juncture that India will no longer be treated as a dependency to be ruled from Whitehall and henceforth her constitutional position and powers will be identical with those of other units in the British Commonwealth? But presumably on account of strong opposition to the change the present conference converts the question into a positive demand. Thus in place of the old demand for a Declaration granting Swaraj to India in a fixed period after the war, we have one for a Declaration that "India shall no longer be treated as a dependency to be ruled from Whitehall and that henceforth her constitutional position and powers will be identical with those of the other self-governing units of the British Commonwealth". If this is meant seriously the Conference asks for a great deal more than it did before. It demands immediate Dominion Status, to be qualified on agreed terms for the duration of the war but to operate automatically in its entirety immediately after the war. Referring to such a Declaration in his presidential address Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru rightly observed: "England has got yet to make up its mind as to its future relations with this country and to express it in unambiguous language as to our future—a future in which India shall not be treated as a dependency but occupy internally and in the councils of the Empire and at International and Peace Conferences, a position of honourable equality with England and the Dominions. It is my firm conviction that until such a declaration is forthcoming, our mental outlook will not change. It is equally my strong conviction that until then we shall not be in a mood to settle our mutual differences." One can only hope that the members of the Conference will not in practice recile from this position.

Not less important is the attitude of the Conference towards Provincial Governments. The Bombay and Poona sessions made no reference to this topic, presumably thinking that, if the Central Government was nationalised the provincial problem would be solved automatically. But the cable to Mr. Churchill asked for the restoration, in provinces now ruled autocratically by Governors in accordance with Section 93 of the Government of India Act, of popular Governments broadbased on the confidence of different classes and communities; failing this, the establishment of non-official executive councils responsible to the crown, as proposed for the Centre". The specific recommendation of ministries representing "different classes and communities" and, failing this, mere Executive Councils suggests that coalition Ministries are desired and that, if for any reason these are not possible, Executive Councils not responsible to the Legislatures are preferred to responsible non-Coalition Ministries. This was an unfortunate suggestion. The Conference ought to have contented itself with demanding the restoration of autonomy and adding that as far as possible the Ministries should be of the Coalition type. The Delhi Conference has but slightly rectified the blunder by asking for "popular Governments enjoying public confidence", a phrase which can be interpreted to cover Ministries and also Executive Councils. We wonder why the Conference fought shy of insisting unequivocally on responsible Ministries.

The Working Committee of the Muslim League has condemned the main resolutions of the Conference and has held out the threat that "if the British Government are misled into accepting them, Muslim India will without doubt revolt against any such decision." Mr. Amery, who remains the Secretary of State for India in the reconstructed Cabinet, will perhaps thank the League for the threat and will certainly point to it as one of the main difficulties preventing the acceptance of the Non-Party Conference. On different grounds Congress leaders like Gandhiji and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru think there is no possibility of an immediate settlement between Congress and Government. It appears the Indian question will be solved by the Indian masses in their own way. And naturally enough they will listen only to those leaders who help them rather than exploit them, who help them particularly in the storm and stress of the war. And only the true servants of the masses irrespective of caste or creed will be able to bring communal unity out of the present discord.

Frankly Speaking

Cabinet Changes

"Consequential changes" in the British Cabinet, which were expected after the reorganisation of the War Cabinet, have now been announced. They are a mixture of good and bad. The dropping of Mr. Arthur Greenwood is unfortunate if only because with it is abolished the Ministry of Post-War Reconstruction. In a period of grave crisis it should have been deliberately retained lest it might affect morale unfavourably. Doctor Hugh Dalton has been transferred to the Board of Trade for reasons which are by no means clear yet. The exit of Captain Margesson and Captain Moore-Brabazon is quite welcome, particularly that of the former. Captain Margesson, who was the all-powerful chief Whip of the Conservative Party during the days of Mr Chamberlain ought really to have gone long ago and Colonel Moore-Brabazon, at least after the Anglo-Russian Alliance. The promotion of Sir James Grigg, a permanent Civil Servant and essentially an economist, to the War Secretaryship is truly sensational. Here in India he proved himself a man conspicuously endowed with the dubious virtues of inflexibility and obstinacy. What great qualities he has now developed to deserve his present important post we do not pretend to know. But easily the most noteworthy fact about these changes is that Mr. Amery remains at the India Office despite the opinion of even a man like Doctor Sapru, that he has proved himself the worst Secretary for India since 1858. His retention is an affront to India and constitutes a glaring measure of the present British Cabinet's determination to ignore India's demands. It is an unmistakable revelation of the policy of the British War Cabinet even though it has on it a Stafford Cripps.

Fighter Protection

In his latest broadcast Major-General Molesworth, Deputy Chief of the General Staff and radio spokesman of Army Headquarters in India, very sensibly accepted the probability of Japanese air raids of the nuisance type on India's coast towns and even the possibility of an attempted landing or so somewhere along the 2,000 mile eastern coastline. And there is no reason to doubt that arrangements are being made to deal with such a possibility effectively. But in one respect, General Molesworth's assurances sounded uncomfortably overconfident. He virtually announced that India possesses adequate fighter protection. Recent experiences "encourage doubt", as a British paper would say. Sir Robert Brooke Popham was confident of his air strength. The difficulties in Burma, the tragedies of British warships, of Malaya and of Singapore are the only commentary which history provides on that complacency. The difference, however, is that the British have now realised the strength of the Japanese as also the danger to India. Let us hope that this double realisation has shocked them into trying to make some really effective arrangements.

Foolish Ban

It is reported that leading daily papers of Lahore including the "Tribune" appeared on Monday morning without any news about the local 'hartal'. This was the newspapers' response to the District Magistrate's orders prohibiting the publication "of any article of whatever kind concerning the 'hartal' against the Sales Tax or police action taken against processionists otherwise assisting or taking part in the 'hartal' in any newspaper or pamphlets published within Lahore district, unless such article is previously approved by the District Magistrate". Evidently, the papers preferred omitting all 'hartal' news to publishing censored and mutilated accounts. If this state of things continues, it will not only exasperate the public but will also encourage all sorts of wild rumours and thus defeat the very purpose of censoring. If the civil disobedience movement must be penalised, let it be done in a civil way and not in a spirit of vindictiveness or martial law. Not content with this foolish ban, the District Magistrate is alleged to have abused and arrested representatives of newspapers who were present, in their professional capacity, in a crowd that had made a demonstration on Sunday. The Punjab Provincial Press Advisory Committee has rightly condemned this action and insisted on adequate reparation for such a "disgraceful incident".

Intolerable

According to the "Searchlight" certain Europeans in Patna "are stated to have decided that.....the Patna College Hospital should be, more or less, and for all practical purposes, a close preserve for Europeans, and its management and control be vested in the European Civil Surgeon of Patna". It appears such a move was made some time ago by a European Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals but public opinion was too strong for him. Public opinion cannot be less hostile now to an outrageous move like the reservation for Europeans of a hospital the cost of which is borne almost entirely by Indian tax-payers and at a time when Indians are bleeding to safeguard British interests as well as their own. Nor should a European Civil Surgeon be dumped there when many competent Indians are available in the province.

RAILWAY BUDGET UNDER FIRE

Why Increase Fares If Surplus Is Real?

"Mere Book Adjustment Under War Conditions"

OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION: CLOW ASSURES ENQUIRY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The Assembly held the general debate on the Railway budget today.

Mr. A. C. Datta, Deputy President, opening the debate acknowledged that the surplus shown was phenomenal but declared it was not real. It could be real only if it was independent of war. As it was mainly due to war traffic, most of the surplus was in reality a matter of book adjustment between one department and another, and the contribution to the General Revenues, a matter of putting money from one pocket into another.

He strongly criticised the increase of fares, which he declared was unjustified in view of surplus.

Sir Henry Richardson, Leader, European Group, said that satisfaction to be derived from the profits must be tempered by the fact that they were mainly the result of war conditions and were largely book entries.

"TOO SHORTSIGHTED".

Sir Henry Gidney, Leader, Independent Party, looked upon the surplus not so much as an indication of profit as evidence of the extent to which the railways had responded to the military needs of the country.

Commenting on the Railway Member's "pessimism" regarding the capacity of railways to meet the needs of the public, Sir Henry declared that the position had arisen because the Government had for years been too shortsighted to make India self-supporting in the manufacture of locomotives and machinery and other major industries.

Sir Ziauddin spoke of his personal experience and said he could not get wagons required for the use of the Aligarh University recently. He described the Railways' contribution to the general revenues as payment of a loan and not a gift, because the surplus itself represented so much money taken from the general taxpayer. Sir Ziauddin complained that the Assembly had not been consulted before railways were dismantled and declared that in asking the House to approve the dismantlement after it had been carried out, the Railway Member was reducing the Assembly to the position of the Public Accounts Committee."

"FINANCE MEMBER'S TAX-COLLECTOR."

Mr. K. C. Neogy congratulated the Railway Member on the prevalence of the war (laughter) and described as a merry-go-round the process by which surpluses were made from the pocket of the general taxpayer and were then passed on to him in the form of contribution to the general revenues. Some of the things done to-day, said Mr. Neogy, were very much like what characterised the position of Indian Railways after the last war, when the Acworth Committee condemned certain features of Railway policy. If it was a prosperity budget, why he asked, were the already high rates of fares being increased? The Railway Member, he declared, had apparently agreed to become the tax collector for the Finance Member.

"BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION."

Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi after criticising the decision to increase fares at the time of a surplus budget, and at a time when alternative means of transport were not available, went on to dwell on a number of allegations made by the general public and by commercial bodies with regard to the conduct of railway employees in providing for the exodus of people from Calcutta. He vehemently declared that bribery and corruption were practised on a wide scale in providing accommodation and reserving seats for these people.

Professor P. N. Bannerji said Railways were enjoying prosperity in the midst of the adversity caused by high cost of living. He hoped, however, that the Finance Member would not come forward with further taxation. Railway rates and fares were themselves a form of taxation.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: a bad form of Taxation.—

Maulvi Abdul Ghani objected to the increase in third class fares and said that First and Second Class fares should have been increased instead and the Railway Member should have been satisfied with the gain he would be getting next year of Rs. 27 lakhs in the working of strategic railways instead of the losses usually incurred on them.

"ASHAMED OF HUGE PROFITS"

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said 1935/36 was the basic year with which the present budget should be compared and said that thus compared it was clear that the deficit of one point three-four crores of that year had become a surplus of some 26 crores acknowledged by the Railway Member for the last year.

According to Mr. Mehta, however, the figure should really be some three crores more, while the budgeted surplus of 27 crores should be also really three crores more. The railway board were, he declared, becoming ashamed of these huge profits and were trying to conceal them and make them appear less than they really were.

Sir Ratanji Dalal spoke in support of the pass system for Railway servants and said the pass was a part of their remuneration and enabled them to take holidays and so keep themselves fit for work.

Mr. Govind Deshmukh dweit on the rudeness and obstinacy shown by military men who prevented First and Second Class passengers from entering their compartments even when there was room.

Mr. Naoroji Dumasia after making appreciative comment on the results achieved by the Railway Department asked how the withdrawals of locomotives and rolling stock and even expert staff to other theatres of war—although a superb achievement of the administration—were to be replaced and supplemented to meet the growing demand in the country itself.

CLOW'S REPLY

Sir Andrew Clow replying to the debate expressed the hope that those who attributed the surplus to the fortuitous circumstances and the artificial stimulus of war would, when lean times come, attribute the losses also to prevailing conditions and not blame the administration. He did not agree, however, that the surplus was not real or that it was a mere book transaction. Undoubtedly money spent on Defence and supplies had made quite a large contribution to railway earnings but a fair amount of the expenditure on supplies was met by a Government different from the Indian Government. Moreover the surplus did represent actual work done and paid for.

Replying to criticisms of high freights and fares the railway member said "If you are not going to put up fares in times of prosperity you will have to put them up in times of adversity".

The railway member said that papers in connection with the matter raised by Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi about corruption during the time of the exodus from Calcutta had been given to the police and an enquiry was in progress.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

SECRET SESSION ON FRIDAY

Aney Accepts Opposition Proposal

Mr. M. S. Aney, Leader of the House, announced in the Assembly this morning that Government welcomed the proposal to hold a secret session of the House to discuss the war situation and he proposed that the secret session be held on Friday next when he would table an appropriate motion for discussion.

The chair concurred and directed that all the galleries except those occupied by members of the Council of State be cleared on that day and no report of the proceedings be published.

Mr. Joshi suggested that if one day was not sufficient Government should allot another day.

Mr Aney indicated that it would be difficult to agree to that suggestion.

Mr. Neogy asked that there should be not merely a general discussion but short notice questions should be permitted and replies given.

Mr. Aney pointed out that whatever questions members wanted to put could be raised in the course of their speeches and Government spokesmen would reply them.—A P.

Adjournment On Punjab Arrests Disallowed

Maulana Zafar Ali Khan attempted an adjournment motion in the Central Assembly this morning to discuss the arrest of traders, members of the Punjab Assembly and others under the Defence of India Rules.

The motion was disallowed.

Council Of State

INDIANS IN MALAYA AND BURMA

Facilities To Evacuees: Bozman's Assurance

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

During thirty minutes, the Council of State, at its meeting this morning, passed without discussion or amendment, seven bills, recently passed by the Legislative Assembly.

Four of them were sponsored by the Commerce Secretary, Sir Alan Lloyd. They were amending bills to the Workmen's Compensation Act, Indian Merchant Shipping Act and the Indus Vessels Act and a bill to continue the provision made under ordinance for assistance to the Coffee Industry by regulating the export of coffee from and the sale of coffee in British India and by other means.

The bills to amend the Indian Medical Council Act and to provide for the incorporation, reguation and winding up of co-operative societies with objects not confined to one province were sponsored by Mr. Tyson, Secretary, Education Department. Lastly, Sir Ferozkhan Noon had a bill to amend the Indian Boilers Act.

INDIAN EVACUEES

Earlier in the morning, on the motion to elect four non-official members to serve on the Standing Emigration Committee, Pandit Hirdaynath Kunzru referred to Indians in Burma and Malaya. He said that owing to war conditions in Burma, Indians were compelled to return to India annd about 40,000 had already reached this country, mostly by sea.

The Pandit urged that the Government should take steps to accord facilities to evacuees, most of whom might be starting life afresh.

Mr. G. S. Bozman, Secretary to the Department, Indians overseas, replying to the discussion said that so far 65,000 Indians had left Burma, but exact figures of the evacuees from Malaya were still unobtainable. Mr. Bozman said that there were two land routes to Burma from India, both of which freely used without any restrictions.

In conclusion Mr. Bozman assured the House that the Government would do all to assist and ease the lot of Indian evacuees and make them feel that they were returning to their homes. The motion was adopted and the Council was adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

Will Govt. Move To Simla?

NEW DELHI, Feb 23.

Sir Ferozkhan, Leader of the House, announced in the Council of State this morning that the Government were watching the situation from day to-day, and whether the move to Simla will take place this summer would depend on the circumstances prevailing in the country.

Replying to Mr. M. N. Dalal, Sir Alan Lloyd said that the only compulsory war risks insurance scheme, which Government had actively under consideration, was that relating to plant and machinery in factories. The details of the scheme were not yet fully settled. The scheme for property houses and buildings had been found to be impracticable in India.—A. P.

Soldiers' Misbehaviour

To The Editor, of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The freedom that the Tommies who sojourn in Bombay are getting is being used as licence by not a few of them. Some Tommies get into a victoria and one or more by the side of the coachman and go on driving the poor horse at a break-neck speed, nourishing the whip ceaselessly, hitting passers-by, sometimes unconsciously but more often deliberately. One such incident happened to-day evening on Lamington Road and when by chance the horse slipped and fell the Tommies started their game on the horse, which was so unbearable that a crowd collected and gave it hot to the Tommies.

Will the Commissioner of Police prohibit the victoriawallas allowing the Tommies a seat by the driver and handing over the whip to them?

I have been through two years with an Expeditionary Force during the last war and have good experience of detail camps. What is required is that the O. C. of the detail camp should make the city 'out of bound' for the details in his camp after 7 p.m.

I have always felt safe in Bombay at any hour of the night even in spite of riots, because the city was well-flooded with light. But to-day under the blackout conditions one feels nervous to move about even at an early hour during the night. That is more reason to check the antics of Tommies and, despite its being a little inconvenient, to have a roll-call at the detail camp by "last post" at the latest.—Yours, etc.,

PEACE-LOVING CITIZEN.

Bombay, Feb. 23.

A. R. P. & Volunteer Organizations

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is pleasure to note that the citizens of Bombay have taken a keen interest in the A. R. P. work in Bombay. I regret to note that for a single volunteer organisation was represented at the citizens meeting held, other day at the Town Hall. It is hardly necessary to say that these volunteer organisations are the best medium in approaching the masses, and they are well organised too. These are the bodies which have rendered great services in the past irrespective of the consequence and damage. I sincerely believe that the responsible persons will find it advisable to approach and enlist co-operation of these organisations.—Yours etc.

J. VEER.

"ELDERS" TO HAVE SECRET SESSION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Sir Ferozkhan Noon, Leader of the Council of State, announced in the House this morning, that in response to a general desire, the Government has decided to allot a day for holding secret session of the Council to discuss the war situation. The exact date for the session will be announced shortly.—A.P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

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"Germany has Allies fighting for her. So far we are not in that position, but we have succeeded in holding our own."—M. Stalin.

II

"I do not know whether the stories of niggardly treatment given to the Generalissimo are true. But it is certain that India did not give him the reception which a free India would have given."

—DR. M. R. JAYAKAR.

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Mr. M. A. Jinnah has authoritatively rejected Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's farewell message.

Which really hasn't surprised us greatly. We had an intuitive suspicion that the Generalissimo made a tactical mistake in meeting Mahatma Gandhi at the latter's residence.

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The Qaid-e-Azam's criticism ends with a subtle (?) reference to the fact that the Generalissimo stayed in this country only a fortnight.

Yes the great Chinese leader did make a mistake.

But it was really no fault of ours. He couldn't know Mr. Jinnah in a fortnight's visit to India.

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A Secret Session of the Central Assembly is to be held on Friday next to discuss the war situation.

And still they say that India hasn't got equality with Britain or the Dominions.

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The Hon Mr. M. S. Aney was the only Indian Member of the Executive Council present at the (Sapru) Conference.

—Delhi Conference Report.

The others did not venture to attend. After all there should be solidarity between them and brother Maxwell, let alone the great chief Amery.

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Denouncing the Sapru Conference, the Muslim League Working Committee resolution describes it as "the so-called Non-Party Conference."

Don't be finicky and ask "why so-called?" Remember that the great architect concerned can do no wrong. He is infallible.

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Amery To Quit India Office?

—Headline.

Impossible. The international situation may demand it. But Churchill, if he is sensible, will not dare to defy Mr. Jinnah who as the whole world knows is greater than any international situation.

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Big developments, says a London message, in the British aircraft industry were foreshadowed by Lt.-Col. Moore-Brabazon in a speech on Saturday last.

The biggest, at least for the present, is the exit of the Colonel from the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

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Talking of big developments, Captain Margesson, the War Minister, has also made his much-awaited exit.

Which is sheer personal vendetta pursued by Churchill against the Munich patriots.

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But what? Why has Sir James Grigg replaced him as War Minister?

The answer is obvious. Wasn't he conspicuously successful as a bold fighter in the Government of India?

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By the way, Reuter has thought it necessary to send out to the world a brief description of Sir James Grigg.

We here reproduce it without even wondering why they didn't go further and make the traditional offer of a reward, too:—

"Sir James Grigg is a man of medium height, thin build, wears glasses and has iron-grey hair."

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"Doctor, shall I have to remain in bed long?"

"If your temperature keeps as high as this, I don't think so."

BOMBAY WOMEN'S TRIBUTE TO LATE BAJAJ

BOMBAY: Monday.

A condolence resolution touching the death of the late Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj was passed at a meeting under the auspices of Gandhi Seva Sena, Gujarati Hindu Stri Mandal, Gujarati Hindu Stri Mandal, Santa Cruz Branch, Saraswat Mahila Samaj, Hind Mahila Samaj, Gurjar Ladies' Social Club, Dadar Vanita Samaj, Stri Patidar Samaj and Pathare Prabhu Mahila Samaj this evening at Hira Baug. Shrimati Surata Devi Ruia presided.

Mr. Vinoba Bhave spoke for a few minutes on the life and life-work of the late Mr. Jamnalal, with special reference to his efforts for the uplift and amelioration of Indian women.

He said that the best manner in which Mr. Jamnalal's memory could be perpetuated, was by the perpetuation of the work which he undertook.

Mr. Bhave spoke on the need in a country like India of the protection of the cow. It was the duty of the gathering to see that every one helped in this matter for milk had all body-building properties and was within the reach of most people.

Mr. Purshotam Kanji and others joined in the tribute.

1,540 POLITICALS STILL IN BENGAL JAILS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

In the Bengal Legislative Council to-day Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Premier, stated that the number of terrorist convicts till December last in Bengal was 60 and the number of prisoners under the Defence of India Rules was 110, security prisoners (ordinary) 265 and (special) 1,105 and those otherwise restricted were 2,011. There were no civil disobedience prisoners.—United Press.

Azad To Tour C. P. & Berar

NAGPUR, Feb. 23.

The Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, is to tour C. P. and Berar. He will begin his tour of the Provinces sometime next week, starting from Bilaspore and will visit most of the big cities and address public meetings.—A. P.

AXIS MOVEMENT TOWARDS TMIMI

R. A. F. Fighters Intercept Raiders Over Malta

CAIRO, Feb. 23.

The following is the text of to-day's Communique from the British G.H.Q. Middle East, Cairo: "Operating in the general area east of Tmimi and south of the Tmimi Mekili tract our fighting patrols and mobile columns yesterday encountered a somewhat heavier scale of resistance from enemy columns, while a considerable movement was observed in the afternoon from Martuba towards Tmimi. Enemy air activity against targets in our forward area was also on an increased scale. Our own air forces again covered land operations by fighter sweeps, whilst our bombers effectively attacked positions in the rear".

R.A.F. ACTIVITY.

An R.A.F. Communique issued from the Middle East to-day afternoon says: "Our fighters patrolled the forward area in Cyrenaica throughout yesterday, February 22. A "Junkers 88" was intercepted and shot down. The crew of four were taken prisoner. Another "Junkers 88" was destroyed off the North African coast and several others severely damaged.

RAID ON MALTA.

During yesterday and Saturday night enemy aircraft carried out a series of sustained attacks on Malta. Some damage was caused, but casualties were small. Our fighters intercepted raiding formations and shot down a "Messerschmitt 109". Other "Junkers 88" were so severely damaged that they are unlikely to have reached their bases.

Naval aircraft successfully attacked an enemy tanker in the Central Mediterranean during Saturday night. A hit with a torpedo was followed by a large flash.

Two of our aircraft are missing.

LONDON:—A German Communique reports patrol activity in the Mekili region in North Africa.—Reuter.

Jap Plane Attacks Evacuee Ship

DURBAN, Feb. 23.

Hundreds of women and children who left Singapore at almost the last minute are in Durban. One day out from Singapore, the vessel was bombed by a lone Japanese plane, several bombs falling ahead and astern. The vessel's guns replied and the plane was seen to be hit.

MADRAS DETENUS

No Hope Of Release For 130

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

As a result of the recommendations made by the Hon. Sir Sidney Burn, Judge of the High Court, who enquired into the cases of political detenus in this Presidency, the Government have passed orders for the unconditional release of five detenus in addition to four already released unconditionally prior to the recommendations.

Twenty others, including some student detenus, it is learnt, will be released subject to certain conditions.

Of 46 persons from Malabar, who have been detained as a sequel to the "protest day" incidents in September last, the release of 29 has been kept pending until the disposal of the appeals filed by them. The case of 17 others is under consideration of the Government.

Thus out of about 200 detenus, the Government have taken up the question of release of 71 cases as stated above and the rest will continue to be under detention.—A. P.

Maxwell's Assurance To Bengal Ministers

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The Hon. Mr. Pramathanath Banerjee, Revenue Minister, Bengal, saw Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home Member, this morning in connection with the detention of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose. Sir Reginald gave a sympathetic hearing and promised early decision. He also saw Mr. M. S. Aney, Mr. N. R. Sarkar and Sir Sultan Ahmed, members of the Executive Council.

Mr. Banerjee and Mr. Atul Kumar, whip of the Government Party in Bengal, leave for Calcutta to-morrow morning.—United Press

Jawahar Mum About Generalissimo's Message

LUCKNOW, Feb. 23.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is leaving for Allahabad to-morrow night after which, it is stated, he will fix the date of the marriage of Miss Indira Nehru with Feroze Gandhi.

Pandit Nehru, approached by the press, refused to say anything at present about Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek's parting message to India.—United Press.

1000 Evacuees Reach Colombo

COLOMBO, Feb. 23.

About 1,000 evacuees from Malaya including about 700 Indians, 31 Ceylonese and the remainder Chinese and Malayans arrived here. The Indian evacuees have already gone to India.—A. P.

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JAP SHIPPING ATTACKED

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on fire and other ships in the same area were machinegunned.

JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN.

A number of fighter patrols and reconnaissance flights were carried out. Two of our reconnaissance aircraft was attacked by 17 Japanese 'Navy Zero' type fighters, but evaded them in the clouds and successfully completed their tasks.

Enemy bombers and fighters which attacked our aerodromes yesterday suffered a number of casualties. At one aerodrome two were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and one by machine-gun fire and another was badly damaged. Airgunners shot down an enemy 'Zero' type fighter at another aerodrome."

Fighting Continues In Sumatra

BOMBAY:—The fighting on Sumatra continues, says the Batavia radio. The fall of Palembang did not bring an end to that. A correspondent of the War Department gave us some further details to-day. He made a tour of the country where the battle was fought, and in fact is still being fought. Our boys are still putting up a terrific fight there. The demolition parties have done their job magnificently. Not only in Palembang was all the oil destroyed in time, but everywhere else it was the same.

Every day we hear new stories of courage and of the endurance of our troops, and of the barbaric behaviour of the Japanese.—Reuter.

BATTLE FOR LUZON DIES DOWN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

A War Department 'communique' timed 9-30 says:

"THE PHILIPPINES THEATRE: Fighting has died down on all fronts in Luzon. There has been practically no enemy air or ground activity in Bataan in the past 24 hours.

Firing from hostile shore batteries on our harbour defences which had been intermittent for several days has now entirely ceased.

The 'communique' then mentions the award of the Distinguished Service Star of the Philippines, the highest military decoration of the Commonwealth, to Major General R. K. Sutherland, Chief of Staff, and Brigadier General R. J. Marshall, Deputy Chief of Staff, General MacArthur's forces, both of whom were members of the American Military Mission which devised the original methods for the defence of the Philippines.

The 'communique' concludes: "Nothing to report in other areas".

LONDON MAYOR GREETS RED ARMY

LONDON:—On behalf of the citizens of London a message of congratulation on the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Red Army was sent by the Lord Mayor of London to the President of the Moscow Soviet.

Following personal message is being handed in Moscow to Marshal Shaposnenkov, Chief of the Soviet General Staff, from General Sir Allan Brooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Air Staff.

"On the occasion of the Red Army Day we send heartiest greetings of the British Army and the Royal Air Force to their gallant Russian comrades, who are so relentlessly attacking and forcing back the German invader.

"We wish you and the Red Army and the Air Force all possible success in your great task of liberating your country. Together we shall secure the final victory over our common enemy".

Two More Places Retaken By Soviet

MOSCOW:—A supplement to the Soviet Midday Communique says: "Our troops operating on the western front having dislodged the enemy from two inhabited localities captured four guns, 20 trench-mortars, 28 machine-guns, a large quantity of cartridges and other booty. Units on the Kalinin front occupied an important inhabited locality. Units operating on one of the sectors of south-western front, during one day's fighting, destroyed four guns, two trench-mortar batteries, twelve machine-guns and put out of action four tanks and captured a field-gun, three machine-guns, two sub-machine-guns and 114 rifles. The enemy lost in killed 450 officers and men.

A guerilla detachment operating in the Orel district attacked the village headquarters of a German unit. The Germans fled in panic in the direction of their aerodrome. In order to prevent the guerillas from capturing the German planes, the enemy set fire to four bombers and fifteen transport planes".

Where Do You Keep Your Cars & Lorries?

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

In the interest of the public security, says a Press "Communique", it has become necessary for the Government to ensure that they have an up-to-date record of the location of all motor transport, including private motor-cars as well as transport vehicles. The Government have to-day issued the necessary order under the Defence of India Rules and they are confident that all owners of motor vehicles will willingly co-operate in observing the order.—A. P.

ENROLMENT FOR P. V. B.

Steady Stream At Headquarters

(Issued from the P. V. B. Office:)

The Headquarters of the P.V.B. is humming with brisk activities. Right from morning as soon as the Office opens, there is a steady stream of people waiting to get themselves enrolled. Citizens seem to be quite enthused with their own volunteer organisation for self-protection. With the degree of enthusiasm shown by the people, the P.V.B. hopes to get very soon the required number of volunteers.

The volunteer organisations in the City have promised to give the necessary help and have undertaken to enrol volunteers for the P.V.B.

Also a meeting of representatives of the trade unions in Bombay was called. The members present agreed to extend their full co-operation to the P.V.B. and start recruiting immediately.

On Sunday evening a public meeting of persons already enrolled and those desirous of enrolling was held at the Jinnah Hall under the presidentship of Mr. Nagindas T. Master. The G. O. C., Mr. Asoka Mehta, reviewed the work so far done and made an appeal for brisk enrolment. A number of volunteers was enrolled on the spot.

SCOPE FOR INTELLIGENT PERSONS

The P.V.B. is a very big organisation. For its efficient and prompt working it needs a number of voluntary workers who are prepared to give full or part of their time to P.V.B. Here is a scope and opportunity for intelligent persons to show their initiative and organising talents. Young men and women anxious to co-operate with the P.V.B. in this work are requested to see the G. O. C. at the Congress House between 6 and 8 p.m. (S.T.).

P.V.B. CENTRE AT MATUNGA

One more enrolment centre has been opened at the Asthik Samaj Hall, Matunga, G.I.P. where the volunteers for the P.V.B. will be enrolled through the agency of the South Indian Volunteer Corps.

Centre will remain open for this purpose between 7-30 and 9 in the morning.

EXHIBITION OF A. R. P. EQUIPMENT

Progressive Group's Move

The Progressive Group in conjunction with the Safety First Association is holding an exhibition of A.R.P. equipment in the B.E.S.T. Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th instants respectively. It will be opened at 6 p.m. on the first day by Dr. J. Collaco, Mayor of Bombay, and will be open to the public from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

It will be specially interesting and helpful to the general public because the equipment on display will consist of the most useful and at the same time the most easily available A.R.P. material to protect life and property against air raids.

It is hoped that the public will take advantage of this opportunity to acquaint themselves with what to use when in the event of a raid.

Schools are particularly invited to benefit by this exhibition between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday.

The Progressive Group is also issuing leaflets which will be widely distributed among the public. These leaflets contain the essential information and instructions about the nature and types of raids, the effect of raids, precautions against raids and what to do during a raid.

TO-MORROW'S AIR RAID EXERCISE

The next air raid exercise will be held during day light hours on February 25. Members of the public are once more reminded of the "imperative necessity of taking cover properly." On the last occasion, although there was a considerable improvement in this direction, a tendency to remain standing in arcades, under porches, in tramway shelters, etc., was still very noticeable, and it was unfortunately necessary for the Police to prosecute some offenders. It is earnestly hoped that on Wednesday next strict compliance with the orders will be universal.

The public should note that the "All Clear" will immediately precede the sounding of the "Alarm" at the time of this practice and in all future practices. The public are not expected to take cover until the Alarm" signal actually is sounded.

Should the "Alarm" signal be heard on any occasion 'without' having been preceded by the "All Clear", it will mean that a real attack is imminent. This is by way of reminder to the public only, and it is not to be inferrred that any attack is yet expected.

Alleged Assault By Soldiers On Hotel-Keeper

At about 8 o'clock a group of some drunken Tommies, it is stated, entered a well-known hotel, at Lamington Road and demanded drinks. As the management refused to serve them since they were already tipsy, some of them are said to have assaulted the manager and in the scuffle that ensued a number of bottles of whisky, brandy and other beverages were found to be missing. The police were informed and on their arrival the intruders ran away.

Somewhere near the Imperial Cinema the passers-by were shocked to see a tired victoria horse being mercilessly flogged with a whip by some Tommies who were in the gharry on Monday evening. The animal was lambasted until it dropped exhausted. A crowd of nearly two hundred persons gathered to watch the inhuman scene and some people rebuked the mischief-mongers. A melee then ensued between a section of the spectators and the Tommies in which a few of the soldiers were roughly handled.

Vinoba Bhave At South Indian Association

Acharya Vinoba Bhave paid a visit to the South Indian Association at Matunga on Monday morning. He was received by a large gathering, while a number of Charkhas were plying. Acharya Bhave evinced keen interest in the spinning and expressed pleasure at this activity of the association. He advised those present to make every effort to be self-sufficient in the matter of clothing.

BIHAR ACT UPHELD

'Permanent Settlement' Is Not Act Of Parliament Holds Federal Court

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

The Federal Court delivered judgment to-day holding that the Bihar Agricultural Income-Tax of 1938 is not 'ultra vires' of the Bihar Legislature and it was validly enacted. Sir Zafrullah Khan delivered judgment, Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice, and Sir S. Varadachariar concurring.

The Court also held that the Bihar High Court rightly dismissed the suit filed by Hulas Narain Singh and others calling in question the validity of the Act and praying for a declaration that the Act was "ultra vires" of the Bihar Legislature.

The Court held that the Permanent Settlement Regulation of 1793 was an Indian law enacted like any other Indian Law by the Legislative machinery then in operation in India.

In our opinion the expression 'Act of Parliament' has been used in Sec. 108 (2) (A) of the Constitution Act in the sense of enactments actually passed by Parliament and not of laws passed by a subordinate legislative body under authority conferred upon it by an Act of Parliament.

The Regulation stands in this respect on no different footing from any other Indian enactment.

Dealing with the objection taken to the validity of the impugned Act on the ground that the definition of "agricultural income" adopted by the impugned Act was in some respects wider and in other respects narrower than the definition of that expression imported by Sec. 311 (2) of the Constitution Act and that consequently the whole of the impugned Act was invalid the Court held that the definition of the impugned Act should be so read as to confine its operation to income, which can be properly classified as "agricultural income" within meaning of the definition in the Income-tax Act and in respect of which alone the Provincial Legislature was competent to legislate.

The Court expressed the opinion that there can be no doubt that the tax imposed by the impugned Act was within the limits of the power vested in the Province, a general measure of property taxation. Secs. 3 to 5 of the impugned Act clearly bring into charge for purposes of agricultural income derived from land situated in the Province of Bihar, subject to exemptions set out in the Act: but we are clearly of the opinion that the Act does not thereby in any manner whittle down or derogate from the assurances given to Zamindars and landholders by Regulation I of 1793.

Cochin Council Votes 'NO CONFIDENCE' IN RURAL UPLIFT MINISTER

COCHIN, Feb. 23.

After a lively discussion the Cochin Council carried by 22 against 19 votes Mr. C. V. Iyyu's resolution expressing want of confidence in the Minister for Rural Development, Dr. A. R. Menon.

The mover complained that no substantial progress was made in the welfare of rural population, which was against the spirit of the constitution, and accused the Minister of framing ill-conceived schemes, which led to confusion and chaos.

The Minister replied to the allegations levelled against him. The motion, being put to vote was carried.

Mr. A. F. W. Dixon, the Dewan, presided.—A. P.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER TORPEDOED

SANJUAN (Puerto Rico), Feb. 23.

The American freighter "Delplata", (5,127 tons), was torpedoed in the Eastern Carribean in daylight on Friday. A warship has landed 52 members of the crew after they were sighted by United States naval planes. The "Delplata" belonged to the Delta Line operating between New Orleans and Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

Fr. Corvette Destroyed

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Free French corvette, "Alice," has been torpedoed and sunk. Her commanding officer was wounded and 34 members of the crew are missing. Announcing this the Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Naval forces state that the 'Alice' was destroyed while on convoy duty in the Atlantic.—Reuter.

CURACAO, Feb. 23.

The Panamanian tanker, "Thalia', was torpedoed near Losmoncos Islands, a hundred miles off Aruba. Three sloops with the crew of the tanker were sighted fifty miles off Losmoncos.—Reuter.

Huge Jap Losses In Naval Battle

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Until a late hour on Sunday there was no addition to the previous details of the story of the big naval battle off Bali in which the navies of the United Nations inflicted heavy losses on Japanese warships, transports, and supply ships engaged in supporting Japanese operations on the island.

Piecing together announcements from the Dutch, the United States, and General Wavell's headquarters it appears that the Japanese lost at least four ships sunk and 14 or 15 damaged for the loss of one allied destroyer.

Of the warships the Japanese lost one cruiser known to be sunk in addition to one cruiser seriously damaged by torpedoes, another cruiser probably seriously damaged, and at least three cruisers hit by bombs, damage unspecified.

One destroyer is listed as badly damaged by torpedoes and another hit by bombs.

A further unstated number of warships and transports are reported to have suffered direct hits and "near misses."

U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Torpedoed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

The Navy Department report that the United States Coast Guard cutter "Alexander Hamilton" was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off Iceland. The cutter capsized and had to be sunk by gunfire.

A Navy Communique reporting the loss of the Coast Guard cutter "Alexander Hamilton" adds "Loss of personnel is moderate". There was nothing to report in other areas". The "Hamilton" was built in 1937 and was a 2,141 tonner.—Reuter.

ANNOUNCING....

NEW PRICES

For Used Cars!

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SUPPLY
PURCHASE OF MOTOR CARS FOR ARMY PURPOSES

Government have decided to revise the purchase prices upwards and the following schedule shows the prices to be paid to owners by the dealers:—

FORD V-8 (30 H. P.)		CHEVROLET
	1936	
Tourer	Rs. 1,350	Tourer
Fordor	Rs. 1,500	Master Sedan
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 1,600	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 1,500	
	1937	
Tourer	Rs. 1,750	Tourer
Fordor	Rs. 1,800	Master Sedan
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 2,000	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 1,900	
	1938	
Fordor	Rs. 2,500	Master Sedan
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 2,675	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 2,500	
	1939	
Fordor	Rs. 3,100	Master Sedan
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 3,300	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 3,100	Station Wagon (G. M. body only)
	1940	
Fordor	Rs. 3,750	Master Sedan
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 4,050	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 3,850	Station Wagon (G. M. body only)
	1941	
De Luxe Fordor	Rs. 4,325	Master Sedan
Super de Luxe Fordor	Rs. 4,500	De Luxe Sedan
Station Wagon	Rs. 4,475	Station Wagon (G. M. body only)

NOTE— Additional Rs. 50/- bonus for four practically new tyres, except for 1941 models.

2. The following dealers have been authorised by Government to purchase the cars specified at the prices named. The dealers are to be paid separately by Government for their services and are entitled to make no deductions from the prices above notified.

FORD	PLACE	CHEVROLET
Messrs. Eastern Automobiles	KARACHI	Messrs. Naraindas & Co.
" Bajoria Halwasiya & Co.	LUCKNOW	" Allen Berry & Co., Ltd.
" C. N. Chakrapany Chetty & Sons	MADURA	" T. V. Sundaram Iyengar & Sons.
" Dababhoy Motors	RAWALPINDI	" Maira Brothers.
" United Motors (India) Ltd.	BOMBAY	" Bombay Garage.
" National Motors	CALCUTTA	" Allen Berry & Co., Ltd.
" British Motor Car Co. Ltd.	NEW DELHI	" Allen Berry & Co., Ltd.
" Eastern Automobiles	LAHORE	" Naraindas & Co.
" Gordon Woodroffe (Motors) Ltd.	MADRAS	" Simpson & Co., Ltd.
" Provincial Automobile Co.	NAGPUR	" Bombay Garage.
" Webb's Sales & Service	BANGALORE	" Simpson & Co., Ltd.
" Marikar (Motors) Ltd.	TRIVANDRUM	" Stanes & Co.
" Lawly Sen & Co.	PATNA	" Allen Berry & Co., Ltd.
" Silver Jubilee Motors Ltd.	POONA	" Bombay Garage.
" Ideal Motors Limited.	AHMEDABAD	" Bombay Garage.
" Guru Nanak Automobiles	PESHAWAR	" Maira Brothers.
" Marikar (Motor) Ltd.	COIMBATORE	" Stanes & Co.

3. The public are warned that dealers have been instructed to refuse the purchase of any cars offered which would entail disproportionate expenditure on reconditioning for Army service.

IMPORTANT— *To owners who have already sold their Cars for delivery to the Defence Department.*

The above prices are retrospective. You are to apply to the Dealer to whom you sold your car for additional payment on the basis of the prices now authorised.

INSERTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

SHARE BAZAR CLOSED

Bombay, February 23

The local Share Bazar was open to-day but no business was done.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bombay, February 23

Although the market remained officially open to-day, no business was transacted.

SEEDS MARKETS CLOSED

Bombay, February 23

The local Seeds markets refrained from doing any business to-day owing to Lahore Depar. developments.

Imperial Bank Of India

A report under the heading "Imperial Bank Declares 11 P.C. Dividend" appeared in our issue of the 21st instant. The report below the heading related to the Bank of India and not the Imperial Bank.

The rate of dividend already declared by the Imperial Bank is 12 per cent.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, February 23

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 119 28 115 35 114 42 113 49-56 112

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 108 98 102 28 101 35 95 42 94 49-56 93

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 60 Pig.lead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 2-8/8 per cwt.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Chaitra Rs. 112/8

Pig.lead 'B.M.' Ashad Rs. 115

Tin Ingot Penang Ready Rs. 87

SMALL TRADE BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Scattered Hedging And Liquidation

TRADERS AWAIT WASHINGTON DEVELOPMENTS

Bombay, February 23

The New York cotton market will remain closed to-day being "Washington Birthday."

On Saturday the market was quietly steady with small trade buying and operators were inclined to await Washington developments.

Trading was narrow and chiefly consisted of transferring of March delivery to distant positions prior to the first notice day on Tuesday. There was scattered hedge selling and long liquidation which encountered improved trade support and short covering.

At the opening March was quoted one point down at 18.32 and declined to 18.31 which was the lowest for the day. Thereafter there was scattered buying and March improved 7 points at 18.38 which was the highest level: The market closed at a net rise of 2 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 20.07c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quietly steady and under scattered buying closed at a rise of 2 to 3 points. Spot cotton prices gained 2 points at 19.21c. per lb.

WEEKLY REVIEW

Despite discouraging war news, prices crept up slowly on small persistent mill and New Orleans buying and limited hedging. The House farm bloc is reported to have lined up with State leaders to restrain Government selling surplus commodities below parity, indications of lower acreage in the principal producing areas to the East of the Mississippi river were offset by larger acreages in the Western States with preliminary farm work mostly favourable.

Southern spot markets were relatively quiet and the basis firm. Merchants are marking time awaiting the outcome of Government's February sales. Narrowness is expected pending Washington developments.

There was a moderate turnover in cotton goods but most business enjoyed high priority rating.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—

On Saturday, local market moved in a narrow groove with restricted turnover but the undertone was steady with sentiment to accumulate contracts on good setbacks. The British reconstruction minister, Mr. Greenwood told his people last week that out of many essential materials required for the post-war rehabilitation of Europe, cotton goods will be of the most important item.

Unusual interest is being evinced in the forthcoming deliberations over the contemplated amendment to the existing hedge contracts to be incorporated in 1943 deliveries. It is realised that the present forms of contracts are more or less the replica of Liverpool contract, namely consumers contract. Last year this time single month delivery contracts modelled on American principles, namely, a grower's contract, were proposed but disallowed by Government since they were disliked by consuming interests. Nevertheless the present war exigency, consequential on rail transport difficulty, needs essential modification. Here, in the words of late Doctor Tagore, blending of Western and Eastern ideals seems to be the only remedy, namely to find out a "via media" between Liverpool and New York contracts. It is thought that this should meet with the welfare of grower, merchant and consumer since the trade always loves the proverb that "Old is gold." To serve the growers interest, too flexible contract with unwieldy number of tenderable styles, without strict gradation is considered undesirable but optional delivery with differentials on hedges in the interior designated mill centres is also thought to be indispensible in consumers interest to mitigate the evils of "corners."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (11-51 a.m.) ..... 18.38+05

New York March lowest (10 a.m.) ..... 18.31—02

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Narrow market. Some trade buying. Closed steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, February 21

March	18.37+04
May	18.56+03
July	18.69+04
October	18.79+02
December	18.83+04
January	18.85+04

NO BUSINESS IN COTTON MARKET

Bombay, February 23

The local cotton market was officially open to-day but as a protest against Lahore developments, no business was done.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay February 23

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		137	134	131	128
M G Punjab		137	134	131	128
M G Rajputana		143	140	137	134
M G Oomra No. 3	152	149	146	143	
M G C P No. 1	186	183	180	177	
M G C P No. 2	164	161	158	155	
M G Broach No. 2		191	188	185	182

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay February 23

	Old	Ready	Feb
Bengal Fine	117-20	134/37	..
Berar	114-19	144/47	...
C. P. 1	134-39	177/80	...
C. P. 2	117-19	157/59	...
Khandesh	90-100	114/19	...
Muglai	95-105	124/26	Fine
Broach	110-15	.....	—6
Broach Low	95-100	.....	...

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay February 23

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	21-2-42.	This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	908	58,750	80,662
Central India	399	19,813	85,604
Barsi and Nagar	238	40,886	77,389
Hyderabad/Gaorani	25	7,990	26,079
Berar	1,025	139,883	251,406
Central Provinces	1,061	61,669	50,515
Total Oomras	3,656	328,991	571,655
Dholeras	.....	25,316	41,192
N W Provinces	.....	1,021	1,055
Rajputana	....	378	4,224
Sind-Punjab	147	310,754	339,925
Broach	8,285	142,062	30,007
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	6,787	29,892
Westerns-Northerns	53	6,401	30,901
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	8,680	522
Total	12,141	792,320	1,035,619
Arrived by road to 19th February 1942	.....	79,500	157,250

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,114 cent points at exchange 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,094 cent points at exchange 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

Bombay February 21

Broach April/May highest 193 1/4 lowest 191 1/2 closing 193

Broach July/August highest 201 1/2 lowest 200 1/4 closing 201 1/2

Oomra March highest 149 1/2 lowest 148 closing 148 3/4

Oomra May highest 155 1/2 lowest 154 1/2 closing 155 1/4

Oomra July highest 160 3/4 lowest 159 closing 160 3/4

Bengal March highest 132 1/4 lowest 131 3/4 closing 132

Bengal May highest 135 1/4 lowest 134 closing 135

Bengal July highest 138 lowest 137 1/2 closing 138

LONDON BULLION MARKET

London, December 1.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. have issued the following report:—

GOLD

The amount of gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England during the month of November, 1941, was unaltered at £241,575.

The Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168s per fine ounce, at which figure the above amount was calculated.

The Transvaal gold output for October 1941 was 1,235,784 fine ounces and this established yet another monthly high record; the previous record was 1,225,772 fine ounces produced in July 1941. The output for September 1941 was 1,203,353 fine ounces and for October 1940 1,211,277 fine ounces.

SILVER

Quietly steady conditions were maintained during November and the price of 23 1/2d for both cash and two months' delivery remained unchanged throughout the month.

There have been no new features; trade demand continued and was met mainly by supplies from the official quarter, although some offerings of production silver appeared towards the end of the month.

News was received on November 20th that the differences between the United States of America and Mexico, arising from the expropriation of American-owned oil and farm properties in Mexico, had been settled by the signing of agreements between the two countries. One agreement provides for the purchase of silver by the United States Treasury direct from the Mexican Treasury on a month to month basis; up to 6,000,000 ounces are to be purchased monthly at a price to be determined daily by the Secretary of the United States Treasury.

It may be remembered that in August last, an expression of indifference as to the continuation of the present United States silver policy was made in official American quarters. The news of the agreement with Mexico, although it could have no visible effect on the market in present circumstances, is considered at least to afford some reassurance of the maintenance in some form of foreign silver purchases by the United States Government.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, February 23

There was a lull in the demand for gold and silver to-day and quotations assumed sagging tendency. There was scattered liquidation and the market was quiet.

London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot silver was 23 1/2d and forward quotation was 23 9/16d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3 and forward parity was Rs. 62-12-6. Quotations in the local market were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	50	8 0
Fagan		49	4 0
Sovereigns		39	10 0

SILVER

Ready		78	8 0
Fagan		68	14 0

Calcutta Hessian Market

CALCUTTA, February 21

The Hessian market remained quietly steady and a nominal business was put through nine porters February sold at Rs. 17/10, March Rs. 17/4, April/June Rs. 16/6, July/September Rs. 15/12. Eleven porters for the same positions were Rs. 23/10, Rs. 23, Rs. 20/12 and Rs. 19/14 respectively Heavy goods also remained unchanged. Quotations for February shipment were B Twill Rs. 36/12, Corn Sacks Rs. 39/4 and Liverpool Rs. 42/12, Item Shellac Market, Lemon superfine Rs. 75, Ordy Rs. 73, Lemon fine Rs. 71, Standard One Rs. 68, T. N. Ready Rs. 66/1; Do February (Exchange) Rs. 68/8, 12 per cent T N Rs. 62 I T N Rs. 64, No. 2 Kusmi Rs. 66, Bysakhi Rs. 55/8, Lac New Assam Rs. 41, Do Do Syam Rs. 40, Do Do Rangoon Rs. 40. Market quiet. Import up to 12th February 875 tons export up to 19th February 31,478 chests.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, February 23

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	115	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	113	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, February 23

Java per cwt:—

Ready from bonds Rs. 17-8-0

Indian:—

Small grain Rs. 17-9-0 to 17-14-0

Large grain Rs. 17-14-0 to 18-13-0

Bulund Rs. 18-13-0

Chinai Leesa Rs. 30-0-0

Bombay Group March delivery Rs. 13-4-0

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: Feb. 23.

Yarn No.	February	April	June
6 1/2s	215	214	213
10 1/2s	235	234	233
20 1/2s	377	317	310
40s	530	525	520

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay, February 23

125 cases ombridges lung tonic; 186 casks aniline dyes; 78 cases card clothing and machy parts; 100 bags gypsium; 50 casks tin oxide; 38 cases w/n pcegoods; 69 cases bobbins; 54 cases cottons; 625 cases machinery and parts; 366 pkgs dyestuffs; 250 trs picking bands; 31 cases leather belting; 49 drums stamping paste; 66 cases files; 362 cases accumulators and lead plates, 98 cases steel rail keys and wedges; 300 pkgs c i valves and parts; 44 cases loom sundries; 41 cases paper pulp boards; 88 drums composition; 171 drums paints; 61 pkgs covers and tubes; 50 cts radio receivers; 452 cases washing blue; 100 drums sodium sulphite hydrated 261 bags carbonate of magnesia; 66 bales lustre and tops; 38 cases steel bolt hinges; 80 bundles brass rods; 66 drums antifouling; 53 cases pickers; 66 drums anti-corrosive composition; 50 drums iron perchloride; 929 drums dry distemper; 37 drums sisolite r s; 273 bags empty glass bottles.

EXPORTS

920 bags gum Narsi Mulji and Co; 33 bs w/n carpets The India Merchandise Co Ltd; 24 bales cotton prtd bedspreads The India Merchandise Co Ltd; 4692 bags groundnuts Louis Dreyfus and Co Ltd; 120 bags belladonna root Keshavji Virji and Co; 52 bags celery seeds Keshavji Virji & Co; 150 bgs sandalwood Sorabji Nowrojii and Co; 190 bags gum E Mavji and Co; 64 bags niger seed Vishram Khimji and Co; 1008 bags dry ginger S M Rajgor and Co; 1100 tons manganese ore Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 6000 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 203 bales cotton pcegoods Jayant Trading Co; 238 bales cotton pcegoods Keshavji Virji and Co; 7 drums lemon grass oil Salem and Co; 7 bales goat skins A J Calcuttawala and Co; 27 bales d/s goat skins raw D Abraham and Sons.

BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 20th Feb 1942 were as under: Number of cheques—1,40,190. Amount of cheques—Rs. 25,41,33,084/12/8.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH.

New York: February 23.

Previous closing 18.37

To-day's opening ..... closed

BROACH EXPECTATIONS.

Broach April/May ..... Rs. 192/0

Broach July/August ..... Rs. 200/8

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: February 23.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

March (18.32/32) closed

May (18.53/52) closed

July (18.66/65) closed.

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: Feb. 23.

SEEDS

Castorseeds February/March (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£20 11/16 sellers) £20 11/16 sellers

Linseed La Plata February/March (£19) £19 sellers

Groundnut Coromandal Coast February/March (£18 7/8 East Coast India shipment; £19 1/2 West Coast India shipment) Today's rates unchanged.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: February 23.

Previous closing 4.03 3/4

To-day's opening ..... closed

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: Feb. 23.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.

London: Feb. 23.

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER

London: Feb. 23.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

Forward (23 9/16d) 23 9/16d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: Feb. 23.

The London Stock Exchange was generally quiet.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: Feb. 23.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: Feb. 23.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £33 1/4

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/16 ex-div.

2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 11/16

4 per cent Funding Loan £115 3/16

3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106

3 per cent War Loan £101 1/4

4 per cent Victory Bonds £113

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 15-7 1/2

Marks and Spencer Ordinary 32-6

Electric Music Industry 13-9

Princhin Johnson 19-10 1/2

Imperial Chemicals 32-3

Woolsworth New Ordinary 48-4 1/2

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77

Dundee 25-6

Unilever Ordinary 26-6

Ford Motors 24-4 1/2

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £57 1/2

British American Tobacco Ordy £3 13/16

Carreas 'A' £5 1/4

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6

P and O Defd 25-10 1/2

Distillers 74-3

Bradford Dyes 8-4 1/2

British Celanese 6-6

J and P Coates 35-10 1/2

Courtaulds Ordinary 31-9

Fine Cotton Spinners 5-1 1/2

Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-3

Inter Nickel 41 5/8

Indian Iron 31-3

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-0

Donaro Tea 20-0

Empire of India 12-6

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo1Dutch Rubber 8-3

Gula Kelampong 8-9

Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 10-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 15-0

Burma Corporation 3-1 1/2

Rio Tintos £8

East Rand Properties £1 15/16

Rand Mines £6 3/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £9 1/4

Associated Portland Cement 48-1 1/2

Trinidad Leasehold 65-7 1/2

Sub-Nigel £6 3/8

Spring Mines Split Shares £1

Union Corporation 132-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0

Anglo-India 39-4 1/2

Burma Oil £1 19/32

Mexican Eagle 13-1 1/2

Shell Transport £1 15/16

Royal Dutch £13

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 1/4 ex-div.

London Midland Ordinary £17 5/8 ex-div.

London North Eastern Defd £2 1/8

London Southern Defd £15 1/2 ex-div.

London Transport 5 per cent £129 ex-div.

London Transport £38 1/2 ex-div.

Ahmedabad Prantej Railway Co. Ltd.

Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway Co. Ltd. was held on Monday evening at the registered office at Home Street, Bombay, when Mr. Frederic F. Stillman presided.

The Directors declared an ad-interim dividend at the rate of 9 per cent per annum, which absorbed Rs. 1,12,500 leaving a balance of Rs. 1,93,964/0/8 available for disposal.

HINDI PRACHAR SABHA: The Secretary Bom. Provincial Hindi Prachar Sabha writes:—Sjt. Kamalesh, Prachar Mantri of the Sabha, will be given a send-off by the Pracharakas and students to-day (Tuesday) at 5-30 p.m. at the Sabha premises.

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ON THE AIR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Delhi, I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops in the Far East. 5 Bhajans. 5-20 Afzal Husain. 5-35 Pilu on Clarionet. 5-40 Kamleshwari Devi. 6-15 Zohrabai. 6-30 Kitaboo Ki Baten. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 The Eternal Russia, 2. 8-15 Metaphysical poetry, 4. 8-30 Afzal Husain. 8-45 Kamleshwaribai. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Zohrabai. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Bhajans. 10-15 Purab Ang ki Thumri aur Dadra. 10-35 Darbari Kanhra on Sarangi.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Bismillah and party. 7-50 News in Hinoustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Tulsidas Bhajan. 8-20 Abdul Waheed Khan. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Mohammad Husain. 9-25 String music. 12-30 p.m. Songs from Sindh. 12-45 Tunes from Marathi stage. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati geets. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Indirabai Wadkar. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Marathi Bhavgeet. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Mohammad Husain. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half hour. 7 New Marathi books. 7-15 Bismillah and party. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Mohammad Husain. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Science your servant. 4. 8-45 Dot and Dash 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Alexander Ouzanska. 10-15 George Lester. 10-30 Esther Trindade.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Indirabai Wadkar. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Recitations from Gujarati poems. 9 G. S. Yellapurkar. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4 880 kc/s)

4-15 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Gujarati geet. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

99.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Abdul Waheed Khan. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Mohammad Husain. 9-15 Indirabai Wadkar. 9-45 Bismillah and party. 10-15 Abdul Waheed Khan.

High Court

FILM DISPUTES SETTLED

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Blackwell) Behram Namdar Murzban and Another: Plaintiffs v. The Cine Industries and Recording Co. Ltd. and Others: Defendants.

The plaintiffs carry on business in the name of the Majestic Talkies and are the present sub-lessees of the Majestic Theatre which exhibits Indian talkie films. The present suit was filed for a declaration that the plaintiffs have the irrevocable exclusive right of first run premiere releases of four films including one entitled "Apna-Ghar" starring Shanta Apte at the Majestic Theatre and that the defendants have no right to exhibit or release those films at any place whatsoever before the first run premiere release at the Majestic Theatre and for other ancilary reliefs.

On 6th Feb. last the plaintiffs took out a notice of motion for an injunction restraining the defendants from selling off or otherwise dealing with any of these four films together with all its paraphernalia to any persons other than the plaintiffs for exhibition or release before having a first run premiere release at the plaintiffs' Majestic Theatre and for a similar injunction against the fourth defendants Messrs. Famous Film Circuit and the fifth defendants the Western India Theatres Ltd., with regard to the film "Apna-Ghar" and for an order calling upon the defendants to hand over to the plaintiffs these four films with all their paraphernalia.

The hearing of this notice of motion was hotly contested by eminent counsel for some days. On Monday, however, the parties came to terms and His Lordship passed a consent decree terminating the entire suit.

CONSENT DECREE

The sale of the territorial rights and C.P.C.I. territories of exploitation, distribution and exhibition of "Apna-Ghar" to the fourth defendant was confirmed, and the plaintiffs were ordered to convey their exclusive all-India premiere release rights and all other rights with regard to "Apna-Ghar" to the fourth defendants for Rs. 21,000. The first defendants undertook to complete and deliver to the plaintiffs for exhibition at the Majestic Theatre films entitled "Nai Duniya" and "Bhakta Vidur" on the plaintiffs paying of film rental to the second defendants Messrs. Shah Mehta and Co. as the sole distributors of the first defendants according to certain agreed terms of booking. The first and third defendants withdrew all allegations against each other and the accounts between them were adjusted. The first and fourth defendants confirmed the advance bookings of "Apna-Ghar" made by the second defendants at Kohinoor Cinema, Dadar, New Prakash Cinema, Surat, Krishna and Cinema de France at Ahmedabad, Mohan Talkies, Baroda; Paramount Talkies, Poona and at the Deccan Theatres. There were also several subsidiary terms to the consent decree.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. Amarchand and Mangaldas appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. D.B. Desai appeared for the first, fourth and fifth defendants. Mr. V.K. Chhatrapathi instructed by Messrs. Lakhia and Co. and Messrs. Benjamin Chhatrapathi and Co. appeared for the second and third defendants respectively.

FOOD SUPPLIES TO CITY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In conformity with its policy to make preparations for all eventualities, however remote, the Government of Bombay has made arrangements for the distribution of essential foodstuffs in Bombay and the suburbs in the case of a breakdown in the normal channels of supply and distribution. The entire arrangements will be in charge of the Director of Civil Supplies who has been recently appointed. He will be assisted by five Assistant Directors and a corps of volunteers drawn from persons in Government service.

A detailed scheme carefully worked out has been prepared, and the volunteers have been trained in their respective duties.

Should occasion arise, the wholesale merchants will be assisted to import fresh supplies of essential commodities and to transport them from the station yards to the godowns. Similar arrangements will be made to supply the retail shops and to give them protection in case of need.

If circumstances should so necessitate, the Government will arrange to open a sufficient number of shops to supply essential commodities to the public

BHAI MANILAL C. PAREKH'S LECTURE: Under the joint auspices of the Rahnumai Mazdayasni Sabha and the Gatha Society, Bhai Manilal C. Parekh will deliver a special public lecture in English in the Library Hall of the K.R. Cama Oriental Institute (Apollo St., Fort), to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) on "Development of Spiritual Life."

City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Fagan Shud 9, 1998
Muslim: Safar 8, 1361
Parsi: Shenrever 8, 1311
Sunrise: 7-4 a.m. Sunset: 6-41 p.m.
Nightide: 4-50, 19-39. Lowtide: 00-00, 12-07

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Foreign Correspondent" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"The Chocolate Soldier" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 p.m.
REGAL—"Appointment For Love" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Beti" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Municipality" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Hitler" also Stage performance Miss Mary, 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"India To-day" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Penny Serenade" 4, 6-30 and 10
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Garib" 3 6 and 9 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Sadhana" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

BIRTH

MRS. VISALAKSHI C. K. NARAYANSWAMI gave birth to female child in the early hours of Monday morning. Mother and child well.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

A meeting of heads of Suburban High Schools and Primary Schools in the Bandra Municipal area was held on Sunday morning at the Bandra Town Hall, when it was decided to close schools at the end of March owing to war conditions.

According to the administration report of the Bandra Municipal School Board just published, the Board had under its control, one Tamil, three Hindi, one English, fourteen Marathi, seven Gujarati and seven Urdu Schools. The number of children attending these schools rose by 133 to 3,830 and the number attending the aided and unaided schools increased by 109 to 2,551. The total number of children, receiving instruction in Primary schools within the Municipal area was 6,381 as against 6,139 in the preceding year. The number of approved aided Primary schools increased by 2 to 14. The total number of children in these approved aided Primary schools, was 2,414 against 2,295 in the preceding year.

A.R.P. LECTURES AT WORLI: Mr. R. D. Khade will deliver in Marathi the 7th lecture on 'First Aid' at D.D. Chawls No. 52 at 7 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

A.R.P. AT KHAR: Mr. S.K. Mukerji, Dy. Director, A.R.P. Training School, Bombay, will deliver a lecture on "Incendiary Bomb Control" to-day (Tuesday) at the C.K.P. Hall, Linking Rd., Khar, at 9 p.m.

WILSON PHILOLOGICAL LECTURE: Prof. H. S. Rubens will deliver the Wilson Philological lecture on Hebrew—the Spanish-Arabian Period, to-day (Tuesday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the lecture theatre, University School of Economics and Sociology.

A.R.P. AT MALAD: Under the auspices of the A.R.P. Organisation, Malad, Mr. A. Patterson, Chief Warden Bom. Suburban Distt., will give a talk on "Lighting Restrictions" to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Lokmanya Hall, on the Jackeria Rd., Malad.

A.R.P. IN SION: Mr. D.N. Kale of Maharashtra High School will deliver a lecture on 'Duties of A.R.P. Wardens and Damage Reports' to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m. in Sion English School.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, DADAR EAST: Classes in First Aid for the St. John Ambulance Association Examination will be held at the B.E.S.T. Club Room, Dadar from 7-30 to 8-30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. All intending candidates may report at the B.E.S.T. Club Room, Dadar on Wednesday, before 7-30 p.m.

GHATKOPAR A.R.P.: Under the auspices of the Ghatkopar A.R.P. Committee, Dr. (Miss) Saralaben G. Jadhav will commence a class in First Aid in Gujarati for ladies at Dhanji Devshi Rashtriyashala, Ghatkopar from to-day (Tuesday) at 5-45 p.m. There will be two classes every week on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5-45 p.m. at the same place.

BOM. WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: An Echo-Conference of the Bombay Women's Association (Bom. Branch, All-India Women's Conference) will be held to-day (Tuesday) at Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal (Vithalbhai Patel Rd.) Girgaon, at 4-30 p.m. under the presidentship of Shrimati Kamaladevi. The delegates to the Cocanada Session of the A.I.W.C. will speak on their impressions of the conference and will also explain the resolutions passed at it. Mrs. Urmila Mehta, Mrs. Jayashri Raiji, Mrs. J.R. Doctor, Mrs. Kamala Nimbkar will speak at this conference.

A Gathering Of Punjabis

Yesterday (Sunday) in the afternoon there was a large gathering of Punjabis (Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs) and non-Punjabis at the Kesar Bagh to do honour to Ustad Chiraghuddin of Lahore, known as "Ishq Lahri" a great poet of the Punjabi language. He recited several of his poems to the great delight of the audience. Abdur Rahman Amritsari, who has made a special study of Waris Ali Shah's "Hir Ranjha" (Romeo and Juliet of the Punjab) also recited various excerpts from that immortal book in his inimitable style and received applause after applause from those present. Miyan Muhammad Din, who presided at this function, gave a silver cup to each of these distinguished visitors to this city. Hakim Mirza Haider Baig also promised to give gold medals to them. This interesting function came to a close after 5-30 p.m.

SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE ON A. R. P.

A conference of the representatives of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and the representatives of the Government was held at the Secretariat, on Monday noon, when the question of civil defence of the city with particular reference to the financial burden implied in any scheme, was understood to have been discussed

It is understood that the Mayor expressed the views of the Corporation on the issues of finance, evacuation of the part of the city's population and the A. R. P. and other allied measures, while the members of the Corporation expressed their individual views and opinions, mostly relating to increased train services in times of emergency and provision of shelters and other facilities.

The financial position connected with the Civil Defence of the city was placed before the meeting by Mr. Gorwala, Secretary to the Finance Department, while Mr. Bristow, Adviser, assured careful consideration of the various suggestions.

It is learnt that Mr. Symington placed before the Conference a detailed survey of the A. R. P. measures proposed and already given effect to and suggested the lines on which co-operation and co-ordination from the Corporation was desired.

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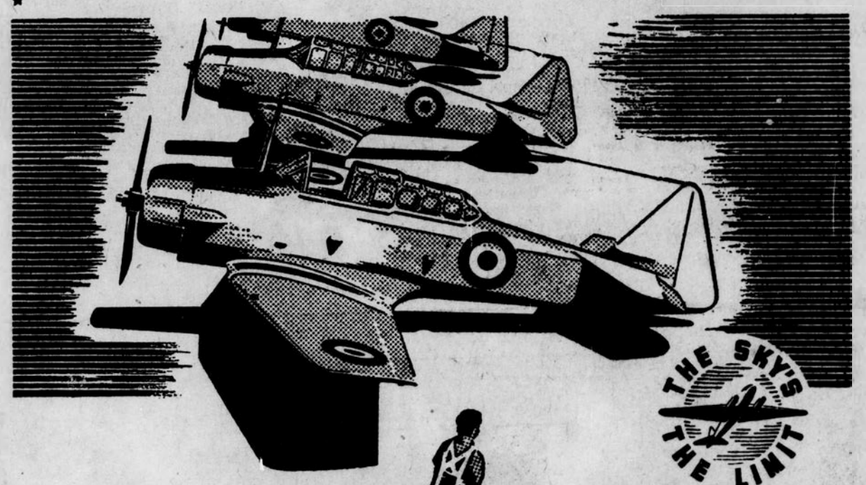

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"GERMAN ARMY IS NO LONGER WHAT IT WAS"

Plant Red Banner Wherever It Flew Before, Is Stalin's Order Of The Day To Soviet Forces

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.

"We shall throw the enemy from the gates of Leningrad, liberate White Russia, Ukraine and the Crimea, and plant the red banner everywhere where it flew before", declared M. Stalin in an order of the day marking the Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the creation of the Red Army.

He calls for a great effort from a united nation to complete the defeat of the invader.

While warning the people against the belief that Hitler is already beaten, he says that the German's last advantage is of surprise—"a element which formed their reserve stock of power".

"The war will now be different, in that the disparity caused by this element no longer exists", M. Stalin continued. "Recent events have proved that once this element has gone the German army is no longer what it was".

Referring to the "stern struggle still ahead of us" he said "New units must be sent to the front to force victory. Industry must work with redoubled energy. The army must receive every day more and more tanks, aircraft, guns, machine-guns and other arms. Therein lies its strength

GERMAN STATE WILL REMAIN.

M. Stalin denounced as "a wicked and foolish libel" the statement that the Red Army aims at the destruction of the German people. "It is probable that this war will bring about the end of Hitler's clique but it would be ridiculous to identify that clique with the German people and the German State", he declared:

"History teaches that Hitlers come and go but the German people and the German State remain."

He also denied the suggestion that "the Red Army annihilates Germans out of hatred for everything German, that, therefore, no prisoners are taken". Describing this as "a stupid lie", M. Stalin said that the Red Army took prisoners whenever Germans surrendered but when they refused to surrender they were annihilated.

"The Red Army annihilates Germans not because they are Germans but because they want to enslave our country. Like any other army, it has a right to annihilate the enslavers of its country, irrespective of their nationality."

SOVIET FIGHTING ALONE

M Stalin began by saying that the Soviet people remembering previous German aggression had prepared itself for possible attacks.

"When Germany treacherously attacked us expecting a quick decision. Hitler underestimated his new enemy. We retreated but, while doing so, we dealt telling blows to the enemy. We never had any doubt in our minds but that the enemy would be halted and eventually routed.

The time arrived at last for the Red Army to take on the offensive. At Tikhavin and Rostove in the Crimea and then at Moscow, the enemy was defeated. The Moscow and Tula region have been cleared. Tens of towns and hundreds of villages have been liberated.

Germany has allies fighting for her. So far we are not in that position but we have succeeded in holding our own."

The task of the Red Army is to liberate from the German invaders our Soviet land and the citizens of our villages and towns who were free and lived human lives before the war and now are oppressed and suffering from plunder and starvation. Every member of the Red Army knows this is a just war, a war of liberation.

The Red Army has a noble cause which is the reason that the war is producing thousands of heroes and heroines who are ready to meet death for their country"

LONG LIVE RED ARMY.

M. Stalin went on, "The racial theory of the Germans and their practice of racial hatred have made all freedom loving peoples into enemies of German Fascism while racial equality in the Soviet Union has earned it the friendship of all freedom-loving nations".

M. Stalin revealed that calls to surrender were made to the German garrisons of Klin, Sukhinichi, Andreapol and Toropets before the Russians attacked but "they refused so that many Germans lost their lives".

M. Stalin's order of the day concludes, "Comrades, I congratulate you on the Twenty-Fourth Anniversary of the Red Army. I wish you complete victory over the Germans—the Fascist raiders. Long live the Red Army and Navy. Long live the guerillas, both men and women. Long live our glorious motherland, its freedom and integrity. Long live the great Bolshevic Party.—Reuter.

Australian Tributes To Soviet Union

SYDNEY, Feb. 23

For the first time, Red Army Day is being observed in every state of Australia and the Soviet Flag will be flown.

Federal and state ministers and consuls are meeting at a dinner to-night in Sydney to pay tribute to the determination and fighting qualities of the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

JAP NAVAL ENSIGN OVER SINGAPORE

TOKYO, Feb. 23.

A Japanese naval squadron sailed into Keppel harbour, Singapore, on Sunday and raised the Japanese naval ensign over the port for the first time, says a Singapore dispatch to the Domei.

The Japanese minesweeping flotilla, which has been at work in waters round the island finally cleared the way for warships yesterday.

"Peru Must Declare War"

LIMA, Feb. 23.

"The breaking off of relations with the Axis is all right as a first step, but I believe Peru should declare war", declared the Treasurer and Leader of the Chamber of Deputies Julio Ferrand on his arrival from the United States.

"We should not be satisfied with the removal of Axis diplomats, we should replace the Axis businessman by Peruvians or Allies. If war is declared, Government would stop all activities of Axis citizens and establish concentration camps".—Reuter.

In view of the critical situation in the country, the Tamil Nad Provincial Congress Working Committee has passed a resolution calling upon the people of Tamil Nad to organise themselves take up civil defence work. Strengthen all handicrafts, promote unity of all sections of people, and form volunteer organisations for defence and to prevent the spread of panic and confusion.—A. P.

CITY MILL EXPLOSION

Roof Blown Up: Heavy Roll Of Casualties

BOMBAY, Monday.

Forty-two persons were injured and three, including two women, were killed in a terrific explosion when a huge boiler of the Alexandra Mills situated at Chinchpokli burst this morning.

This explosion was so devastating that it shook the neighbouring buildings as if in the grip of violent earthquake.

The explosion occurred at about 8-15 a.m.

It all happened in the twinkling of an eye. The huge boiler of the mill burst with alarming suddenness hurling the roof, high up in the air. Several elephantine beams and pieces of iron, were blown away and after going up to a height of about 500 ft. fell on the roofs of the adjoining buildings. As a result, the roof of an adjoining building collapsed, injuring several workers.

A 20 ft. long beam, which was blown off, fell right on the head of a woman operative, who was crushed to death.

A few operatives, who were in the compound of the mills were also injured by the flying pieces of the wreckage.

The cause of the explosion is shrouded in mystery The mill authorities are at present unable to explain the causes.

The man, in charge of the boiler, Syed Ullah, who was only 5 ft. away from the boiler, had a miraculous escape.

A number of fire brigade officers and men were quickly on the scene, and after first aid was given, the injured persons were removed to the K.E.M. Hospital.

The Bombay Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow on the bodies of the dead.

On Monday night it was ascertained that five persons had died in all upto the time of writing (midnight) as a result of the boiler explosion in the Alexandra Mills.

Out of the injured nine are said to be in a serious condition and detained at the K. E. M. Hospital. The total number of casualties treated at the hospital and allowed to go is computed to be 42, but if cases of minor abrasions and bruises are included, it is said that the figure may be as high as nearly 70 persons injured.

Three persons died on the spot and two succumbed to their injuries in the hospital.

The damage caused by the explosion is stated to be so serious that it is expected that the mill will have to remain closed for some days.

QUAKE SHOCK IN BENGAL & ASSAM

CALCUTTA, Feb 23.

An earthquake shock of great intensity was felt in many places in Bengal and Assam at about 4-20 (Bengal Time) yesterday morning. The intensity was considerable and the tremor lasted for about half-minute.

Many persons left their beds and came out of their houses in panic.

According to reports received so far the shock was felt at the following places—Dacca, Manickganj, Khulna, Malda, Faridpur, Borga, Pabna, and Serajgunj (Bengal) and Dhubri (Assam).—A. P.

LADY PAW TUN ENTERTAINED

Speaks On Burma At Progressive Group Luncheon

Over a 100 members and guests were present at a luncheon meeting arranged by the Progressive Group at the Taj on Sunday, when Lady Paw Tun, wife of the Burma Prime Minister, was the chief guest.

In an interesting little talk on Burma afterwards, Lady Paw Tun described the country's scenic and historic splendour, the picturesque costumes—Miss Paw Tun, her charming daughter was wearing one of them!—and its unique, sometimes amusing customs. Lady Paw Tun also referred to the furious air raids made over Rangoon recently.

Dr. J. C. Daruvala presided and Mr. H. J. H. Taleyarkhan proposed the vote of thanks.

EMULATE EXAMPLE OF RUSSIA & CHINA

LUCKNOW, Feb. 22.

Presiding over the U. P. Conference of the Friends of Soviet Union, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu exhorted the audience to emulate the noble example of Russia and China and advised them not to lower the standard of the nation's honour under any circumstances.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru inaugurating the Conference referred to the services done by Soviet Russia towards humanity. "The great fight", he said, "Russia is putting up is a part of the great fight that is going on in the world for freedom." He hoped that after the war the three great nations, China, Russia and India, would closely knit together.

A resolution expressing sympathy with the people of Russia and wishing success in their struggle was passed at the Conference.—United Press.

PATIALA'S NEW PRIME MINISTER
(From Our Correspondent).

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

It is authoritatively learnt that Sardar Hardit Singh, I.C.S. will be appointed Premier of Patiala State.

ASSAM NATIONALIST COALITION PARTY

SHILLONG, Feb. 23.

The policy of acting in collaboration with the Congress Party in Parliamentary sphere was reiterated by the Nationalist Coalition Party at its meeting held here last night, Mr. K. K. Sen, ex-Minister presiding.

The party disapproved of any move for a possible compromise with any other party "at the cost of this fundamental policy."—A.P.

Settle Indain Problem Now, Urges "M. C."

LONDON, February 22

"A subject that calls for prompt action by Mr. Churchill himself—for as we all know here again he is the author of policy—is India", writes the "Manchester Guardian" in a leader on Monday.

"We must move. It is not a question of settling India's deep internal quarrels at this moment. It is a question of giving India more executive power at the centre of setting ourselves to restore Indian administration in provinces, and of giving to Indian leaders, who will thus govern their country, the task of sitting down to work out an Indian agreement on India's future.

Full production, the nation's military forces directed all through with the nation's brains, an India (because satisfied) adopting the war as her own—these are the pressing demands on the reconstructed government."—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

Dr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University, will be conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws of the Calcutta University at the Annual Convocation of the University, to be held on February 28.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

To-day I'll give you my conception of amateur stunting in journalism. Very amateur, Mr. Editor of "Blitz", and hardly decent journalism. The following is a pertinent extract from the letter "alleged" (very alleged) to have been written by the great Chinese gentleman, Dr. Lin Kai, to the Editor of "Blitz":

"I am deeply grateful to the Indian press for the very generous appreciative notices taken by them of my effort on behalf of my nation in travail. Over a month ago I received intimation that Their Excellencies the Generalissimo and Madam Chiang were to visit Hindusthan. We could not give out this sensational news as for obvious reasons the Generalissimo wished it kept secret, so we decided to celebrate this historical event by publishing the India-China Goodwill Supplement on the occasion of the visit. . ."

In these days of crisis, Mr. Editor of "Blitz", stunting of this kind, which is likely to make the readers of a paper believe that a Chinese gentleman who had the knowledge of the Generalissimo's movements would come to India to edit a goodwill number for an obscure magazine, is ridiculous. May I suggest that the Editor of "Blitz" to assure his readers that Dr. Lin Kai was not a cheap stunt, produces a picture of the learned doctor, who must be known to the Chinese Consulate here. Gestapo Agent P.Q. 13, however, feels that Dr. Lin Kai is still snooping about the office of "Blitz". Froth and Mash, did anyone say?

Dog doesn't eat dog. It's indigestible. Anyhow, it's all worth it, in view of the publicity they've got in the Half Column.

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And now a little more from Gestapo Agent P.Q. 13 on the other subject referred to yesterday, viz., Elmer Davis's American Commentary, which was relayed from Bombay and the needle went wrong at Davis's comments on India and Chiang-Kai-Shek's visit, I said it was an accident—but it doesn't matter, because Gestapo Agent anticipating this accident listened to it direct and this is the substance of the omitted portion, as sent by the Gestapo Agent:

"Mr. Elmer Davis, whose American commentary was broadcast from London yesterday, indicated that American opinion was very fast going to the root of the matter in the Far East. Opposition to the Japanese would have to be organized from the Dutch East Indies. India and China, but these people could only fight properly, if they knew that they were fighting for their own country.

Nearly everybody now acknowledges that the old order in the East is over, but there are a good many people who regret the disappearance of that order, in which the white man was supreme and he exercised imperial authority. To such men the American critic clearly put a poser: If the Germans and the Japanese got hold of the East, all the things, whose disappearance they are regretting, would be gone in any case. It is not right to risk losing the war in an attempt to keep up something, which cannot be kept up, unless the war was won. The war could be only won on the basis of a freedom all round, including the population of the Dutch East Indies. The implication was that, imperialism, which, from the point of view of the population, comes to a slave status, must go and in a wild attempt to hold up imperialism, the declarations of immediate and ultimate full freedom for these populations should not be withheld."

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